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LOCAL CURRENCY ENQUIRY.

GOVERNMENT SETS UP COMMITTEE.

STABILISATION IN TERMS OF REFERENCE.

EIGHT NOMINATED.

In view of the serious effects caused by the drop in the dollar, the public will be deeply interested to learn that the Government has appointed a Committee of Enquiry to investigate the currency problem. The personnel of the Committee, together with the terms of reference, is given in the current issue of the *Government Gazette*. There are eight members of the Committee, and the terms of reference comprise six headings.

The Government intimation is in the form of a reply to a question by the Hon. Mr. John Owen Hughes, who has given notice that he would raise the question at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

Member's Question.

Mr. Hughes' question was in the following terms:

"In view of the serious and continued fall in the price of Silver, and consequent effect on exchange, and on the trade of the Colony, will the Government promptly appoint a local Committee composed of Merchants, Bankers and Exchange Brokers, to study the whole question, or in the alternative, obtain the service of a financial expert from Home, or take such other, and if so, what steps to meet the situation?"

Personnel of Committee.

The Government's reply is as follows:

The Government has appointed a Committee of enquiry, constituted as follows:

The Honourable The Colonial Treasurer (Mr. C. McL. Messer, O.B.E.) (Chairman),
The Honourable Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.,
Mr. M. J. Breen,
Mr. C. G. S. Mackie,
Mr. A. H. Ferguson,
Mr. V. M. Grayburn,
Mr. D. O. Russell,
Mr. C. Champkin,
Mr. T. Megarry (Secretary),
Colonial Secretary's Office.

Terms of Reference.

The term of reference are:

1. Is the present currency the most advantageous for the purposes of the trade of this Colony?
2. In what respects, if any, is the present currency situation in the Colony unsatisfactory?
3. If the situation is unsatisfactory in what way can it be remedied?
4. Is the premium on notes over silver detrimental to the prosperity of the Colony? If so, can it be controlled and by what means?
5. Is the linking of the currency with silver advantageous to the Colony? If so, can it be more closely linked?
6. Is it desirable in the interests of the Colony that the value of the dollar be stabilised? If so, can any effective steps be taken to that end?

Who the Members Are.

Regarding the personnel of the Committee, the Hon. Mr. Kotewall is one of the three Chinese Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council; Mr. Breen is at present Postmaster General, but during Mr. Messer's absence on leave he acted as Colonial Treasurer; Mr. Mackie is the partner of Messrs. Mackintosh, Mackenzie, and Co.; Mr. Ferguson is the Manager of the Chartered Bank; Mr. Grayburn is acting Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; Mr. Russell is one of the principals of Messrs. Loxley and Co.; and Mr. Champkin is a bullion broker, having been formerly Manager of the Mercantile Bank and later of the P. and O. Banking Corporation.

GIALDINI'S BANK ACCOUNTS.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

LARGE SUM ATTACHED.

Milan, Mar. 28.
The Italian judicial authorities, investigating the charges preferred by the British Government against John Gialdini, the Italian financier and associate of Clarence Hatry, have ordered the attachment of a sum of over a million lire (over £10,500) belonging to Gialdini's account at the Italo-Britannic Bank.

The Italian authorities are pursuing a close investigation of reports that further large sums of money really belonging to Gialdini have been deposited in other banks in a woman's name.

Gialdini was arrested a fortnight ago, following representations made by the British Ambassador in Rome at the conclusion of the fraud trial in which Hatry was sentenced to fourteen years' penal servitude, his colleagues receiving sentences in proportion.

Their Italian associate, Gialdini, disappeared from England on the eve of the collapse of the gigantic swindle. He arrived in Milan on the day of Hatry's arrest. The Extradition Treaty between Italy and Britain does not permit the extradition of an Italian fugitive from British justice, but in serious cases, trial is permitted in Italy.—*Reuter*.

NEARLY FIVE YEARS AFTER.

MAN CHARGED WITH A 1925 STABBING.

An echo of the strike of 1925, a Chinese appeared before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with stabbing and causing grievous bodily harm.

Detective Inspector Reynolds stated that the man attacked was employed at the Slaughter House to take the place of a striker. The attack occurred on August 9th, 1925 at Kennedy Town, the victim being attacked as he was proceeding to the Slaughter House.

The Police would ask for the man to be committed for trial. A discussion ensued after the Magistrate had looked up the sections in the Ordinance under which the man is charged. Provision has been made therein for a life sentence, it was stated.

The case was formally remanded for a week. Mr. Rendall is appearing for the defence.

SEQUEL TO YEN-BAI DISTURBANCE.

RIGOROUS PUNISHMENT BY CRIMINAL COURT.

Paris, Mar. 28.
It is officially announced that the Hanoi Criminal Court, judging the culprits concerned in the Yen-bai riots, has passed sentence of death upon thirty-nine of the prisoners.

Thirty-three have been sentenced to perpetual hard labour, and imprisonment for twenty years with hard labour has been ordered in the case of nine accused.—*Reuter*.

AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN FLIGHT.

SMITH AND SHIERS ARRIVE AT NEWCASTLE.

The twenty-year-old airman, Smith, accompanied by a Mr. Shiers, have reached Newcastle Waters preparatory to their proposed flight to England.—*Reuter*.

GRAND NATIONAL DESCRIBED.

SHAUN GOILIN'S FINE FINISH.

OWNER A FORMER HONGKONG CRACK JOCKEY.

WON 1893 CHAMPIONS.

London, Mar. 28.
It is estimated that a huge cosmopolitan crowd numbering well over three hundred thousand witnessed the Grand National at Aintree this afternoon, providing one of the jolliest races for many years, and a splendid win for an old China hand, himself a former jockey who rode in Hongkong.

Glorious weather prevailed, and the finish was most thrilling. Of the forty-one horses that faced the starter only five finished the course.

Towards the end, the race appeared to be resolving into a fight for first place between Melleray's Belle and Sir Lindsay.

Thrilling Finish.

Mason and Williams took their mounts over the last fence together, both a length ahead of Shaun Goilin.

Shaun Goilin stayed better, however, and some splendid riding by Cullinan resulted in Melleray's Belle being piped on the post, Shaun Goilin winning by a neck, with Sir Lindsay third, a length and a half away.

The result was as follows:

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| Mr. Midwood's Shaun Goilin (Cullinan) | 1 |
| Mr. Willson's Melleray's Belle (Mason) | 2 |
| Mr. Whitrey's Sir Lindsay (Williams) | 3 |

Also ran:

Gregalach (Everett), Gatebook (T. Morgan), Don Zelon (Lynall), Grakle (Piggott), Donegal (Speck), Lordi (Stott), Alike (Barry), Sandy Hook (Leader), Istook (Goode), K. C. B. (Moloney), Guiding Light (Langlands), Peggie's Pride (T. McCarthy), Big Wonder (Capt. Weber), Savernake (R. McCarthy), May King (Goswell), Tootlehill (Wenham), Paris Flight (Vinnall), De la Rue (Wilson), Argon (Moseley), Toy Bell (D. Morgan), Ballyhan Wood (Foster), Glengasia (J. Brown), Blennerhasset (Dutton), Ruddyman (E. Brown), May Crescent (Hardy), Royal Arch II (Thackray), Soldier's Joy (Farrel), Curtain Raiser (Powell), Gay Dog II (W. Gurney), The Monk (Parvin), Cryptical (Bisgood), Merrivale II (Brookes), Annandale (P. Gurney), The Gosling (Wenham), Harwood (Haney), Theorem (Owen), Derby Day II (Stephenson), Newsboy (Capt. Sassoon).

Won by a neck; a length and a half.
Time: 9 mins. 40.3/5th secs.
Betting prices: Shaun Goilin, 100/8; Melleray's Belle, 20/1; Sir Lindsay, 100/7.

A Bad Accident.

Glengasia was fourth and Ballyhanwood fifth, none of the remainder finishing the course. Only one serious mishap occurred in spite of the many heavy falls. May King missed her footing at the famous Becher's Brook, and Goswell, the jockey, was heavily thrown, seriously injured and sent to hospital.

In spite of the defeat of Gregalach, which was favourite, the result solaced the backers for their recent disappointments, and disgruntled the bookmakers, who for once have to pay out heavily. All three of the placed horses were heavily backed.

Owner's Interesting History.

It is exceedingly interesting to note that Mr. Midwood, the owner of the winner, who is the head of a famous cotton broking firm, and a prominent Liverpool financier, was the champion gentleman jockey of Shanghai years ago, while he also rode frequently in Hongkong for many years with considerable success. He took part in the historic Shanghai Champions Sweepstakes, in which three horses dead-headed for first place. Mr. Midwood, who was known as "The Dealer," and he carried his mount into equal first place by magnificent riding. A large crowd of Americans, including numerous dollar millionaires, witnessed today's Grand National, dashing over just in

DEATH PENALTY MODIFIED.

PROPOSALS REGARDING ARMY AND AIR FORCE.

FOUR ABOLITIONS.

London, Mar. 28.

Modifications in the regulations regarding the death penalty in the Army and Air Force, which the Government will lay before Parliament, are detailed in the Army and Air Force annual Bill. It is provided that the death penalty shall be abolished for the following offences on active service, and that the punishment for them shall be penal servitude:

Misbehaving or enticing others to misbehave before the enemy in such manner as to show cowardice;

Without orders from a superior officer, leaving guard, picket patrol, or post;

By discharging firearms, drawing swords, beating drums, making signals, using words, or by any means whatever, intentionally occasioning false alarms in action, on the march, on the field, or elsewhere; and

Being a soldier acting as sentry leaving his post before being regularly relieved.

The death penalty is retained for such acts as shamefully abandoning or delivering up of any place or garrison, treachery, or knowingly imperilling on active service the success of His Majesty's force.—*British Wireless*.

CARNERA'S 'FAME' ASSAILED.

INVESTIGATION OF HIS FIGHT RESULTS.

'KNOCK-OUT PARADE.'

Cincinnati, Mar. 28.

The action of the Missouri Boxing Commission in refusing to permit Primo Carnera, the Italian giant, to appear in the ring in Missouri unless a suitable opponent is produced, has been taken up in other quarters, and his career of first round knock-outs seems likely to come to an end.

The National Boxing Association announces to-day that a Commission has been appointed to make an immediate investigation into the results of all Carnera's fights under its jurisdiction.

Mr. Stanley Isaacs, the President of the Association, stated that the American public is getting fed up at reading about third-rate and fourth-rate boxers being sacrificed in the ring to this twenty-stone invader.

He described "Carnera's knock-out Parade" as a bunco act.

It is declared that the Commission will be empowered to recommend disciplinary action if such appeared to be justified.—*Reuter's American Service*.

KING RECEIVES EGYPTIANS.

HOPES FOR SUCCESS OF TREATY.

London, Mar. 28.

H.M. the King to-day received the members of the Egyptian delegation which is in London to negotiate a Treaty with Britain.

The delegates were introduced by Mr. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary. The King expressed the hope that negotiations would be successful, a hope which Nahas Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, reciprocated.—*British Wireless*.

Won Hongkong Champions.

In Hongkong, Mr. Midwood's principal success was a victory on Mr. Heinrich's Black Pearl in the Champions of 1893. Three years later, he occupied third place in the Champions on Mr. Arnold's Straightforward.
Sir Henry May, writing of Mr. Midwood in his history of Hongkong racing, questioned whether any rider, seen in silk on the Hongkong course exhibited such perfect judgment as Mr. Midwood.

WATER SHORTAGE RECALLED.

HOW A. S. WATSON & CO. WERE AFFECTED.

GREAT EXPENSE INVOLVED BY EMERGENCY.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

The effects of the water shortage of last summer and of the unusually cool and rainy winter which followed were referred to by Mr. Henry Humphreys when presiding at the annual general meeting of shareholders in Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., this morning. Both these conditions, it was pointed out, adversely affected sales of aerated water.

The measures which had to be taken to maintain supplies during the water shortage were outlined, all of which put the Company to very great expense, with the result that the output was considerably less and the charges more. But for the adverse factors, the Directors would certainly have recommended a dividend of eight per cent, and the placing of something to reserve.

Chairman's Speech.
Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for the past eight or nine days, I propose with your permission to take them as read.

I regret that we have to come before you this year with a less satisfactory report than for some time previously. Generally speaking, business in the Colony has not been good, and I have to echo the remarks made by the Chairman at the recent meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, that not until settled conditions obtain in China, especially in the South, can we hope for much improvement in our trade locally or at Canton.

Water Shortage Effects.

One factor which caused a considerable falling off in our business was the shortage of water resulting from the drought experienced during the first half of the year 1929; also, the ensuing months of the year were unusually cool and rainy, both of which conditions affected sales in our aerated water business. We had figured that the output at our North Point factory would be considerably more in 1929 than 1928 and had increased our staff with that expectation in view. Unfortunately, the opposite was the case, the output being considerably less and the charges more. We first had to obtain water by towed lighters, from the Pearl River, and then to construct a pipe line and dam to obtain fresh water at Kennedy Mill, Junk Bay, and to arrange for its special transport, all of which put the Company to very great expense.

Canton Transfer.

We also had to transfer a good portion of our export business to Canton, and this greatly militated against profits. But for these factors, we could certainly have recommended paying to shareholders a dividend of 8%, and placing something to Reserve Fund.

Small additions to buildings at Pak Hin Hok, Honam Island, Canton, and at North Point will have been noted.

The accounts otherwise call for little comment; stocks in trade show a considerable decrease as compared with the previous year, but altered conditions of business to some extent account for this.

No Depreciation.

In connexion with the accounts, I would, however, like to draw your attention to that part of the Auditors' reports which states that no depreciation has been written off buildings.

Your General Managers and Directors were unanimously of opinion that this was unnecessary in view of the fact that all our properties have enhanced in value, and apart from that, large amounts for additions and extensions.

Bulls and Inners

From the Office Butts.

To pronounce it correctly say "Pepys". It may be that two can live as cheaply as one after marriage, because quarrelling takes away the appetite.

Not pep-is, but rhyme it with "slepps". In Kowloon when the wireless isn't coming over too well, they just open another window!

For by spelling "weeps" wep-is, With a "y" . . . or "deeps" dep-is, You will say that a "reaper" just "repsys!"

The Chamber of Commerce Report points out that "The process of adjustment to changed and ever-changing conditions is painful." We are not sure whether this refers to face lifting, or face value falling!

Wyndham Street can no longer say it with flowers. There once was a bullion broker;

One way of effecting the gradual abolition of extrajurisdictionality would be to do it by syllables. A really good jolly old joker. He rickshawed all day. Till he earned enough pay. Then lost it at night playing poker!

Newspaper heading:—"General Doings in Chung Shan: Governor Elect to Take Up His Duties." It's a difficult business keeping track of these new personalities. Another American ship has been fired at near Ichang. This should make the Yanks see the necessity of maintaining guards aboard their vessels.

As far as we can see, silver is the only commodity in the world which somebody wants to sell without making a profit. Some drivers who look as if they owned the streets, haven't even finished buying their cars.

One thing about the low dollar, it's getting us down to a common cents basis. Our opinion is that it doesn't matter how well you dance so long as you hold your own.

Maybe the new Governor shouldn't come for a bit until they get this parrot fever under control. Says a notification:—"The City Hall Fountain charged with Shing Mun River water will be brought into play until His Excellency's departure." We understand that the suggestion to charge it with nut-brown ale was reluctantly declined on the grounds that His Excellency's departure might have been unduly delayed.

It's now been made quite clear that if shareholders don't like their Directors, they should Sayce-o! Throw out the pipe-line. Across from Kowloon. Then we'll have water, And that very soon. No more will the droughts This island assail, When we have a pipe-line That never will fail.

According to a contemporary, there's been a debate in the House of Commons "on the air steamers." This flying habit is getting positively dangerous. Refrain:—

Although the flower-sellers are On Lan Street, they seem to be all at sea. So throw out the pipe-line: Throw out the pipe-line, Someone is thirsty to-day. Throw out the pipe-line, Throw out the pipe-line, But don't throw it too far away!

Our Civil Servants seem to be upset because the High Cost of Living Allowance is too low. "Buffaloes at Billiards," says a newspaper heading. Somewhat cue-risous!

We heard two horticulturists the other day arguing whether appearance is more important in flowers than perfume. In the end, the nose had it! "Pipes across the Harbour" will probably be heard when the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders arrive at Kowloon tomorrow.

Mary had a little lamb, A regular go-getter. But it wandered into Wall Street And now it needs a sweater!

Some public speakers talk on interesting subjects. Others just talk. Fish in water are in their native element. This, however, does not apply to their would-be captors when they fall into the reservoir.

There was a young man of the Tyne Put his head on the South Eastern line; But he died of ennui For the 5.53.

Didn't come till a quarter past nine The biggest job of the Naval Conference seems to be to disarm suspicion.

"Better Beds for Britain," says an advertisement. Looks like an attempt to bolster up trade.

According to a Home paper, fifty million powder puffs were sold in Great Britain last year. Business must have been just one dab thing after another.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL INSTITUTION.

DONATION OF \$1,000.

Mr. R. M. Dyer, who had previously served in the office, was unanimously elected as the new President of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong at the thirty-ninth annual general meeting, which was held last evening, Mr. G. F. Taylor (the Chairman of the Committee), presiding.

It was announced that Mr. Andrew Harper had offered a donation of \$1,000.

After the secretary had read the minutes of the previous meeting, and had announced that the Hongkong Electric Company had invited the members of the Institution to inspect their power station at North Point on April 10, the chairman, addressing the meeting said:

You will note that during the year we have sustained a loss on working of \$1,316.93 as compared with a loss in the previous year of \$3,750.05, being an improvement of \$2,433.02, which, if not entirely satisfactory, is at least a step in the right direction.

That step appears the more solid when it is pointed out that of that loss of \$1,316.93 a sum of \$800 has been written off the cost of the very necessary re-decoration of the premises, leaving the remaining \$516.93 to be written off this year.

There is another point in the important matter of working expenses which I think and hope is a harbinger of better times ahead; I refer to the fact that the 4th quarter of the year, taken alone, showed a profit of \$506.54. (Applause).

Useful Reserves.

Our reserves have, of course, been depleted in meeting our loss on working and this ability to meet the loss is, I submit, a perfect answer to those who think, and have said, that our reserves are too big for our needs; for, not only do they enable us to meet our loss without dismay, but have also provided the very useful sum of \$1,679.39 in the way of interest to help us over the rough part of our journey.

I would digress for a moment to put on record the yeoman service rendered by our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Martin, to the Managing Committee in his constant and unremitting care and explicit advice on all matters of finance. (Applause). He leaves us for a while to take a well deserved home leave and we sincerely wish him a most enjoyable holiday and a safe return.

The one point of our weakness is the falling off of Entrance Fees and Subscriptions, they being \$563 less than the previous year; this is, possibly, not a large amount in itself, but I feel that it ought not to exist and I cannot help re-echoing the views expressed by our President at our Dinner last week, that your Committee is constantly exploring every avenue which will lead to an increase of Membership and which, gentlemen, with your support they hope to get.

In addition to the re-decoration of the premises last year, a considerable amount of renovation of our furniture and appointments is now under way; much of this is already in evidence and I think you will agree with me that results up to date call for a very hearty appreciation of the labours of our House Committee for the splendid show they have already made, under the severe handicap of the continual cry of economy

which meets every proposition they make.

I would especially add an expression of our gratitude to Mrs. Harman for her invaluable assistance and for that good taste in the arrangement which, unfortunately, we more men-folk seem to lack so badly.

Question of Premises.

As the lease of these premises expires on the 31st March, 1931 a very close examination of the matter must occupy the early and close attention of our Committee. We have been treated with consideration by our landlords and it is to be hoped that ways and means can be found to make an arrangement for the continuation of the lease, whereby we shall be able to enjoy a further term in the building which so well suits our requirements.

I am specially requested by the Literary Council to express their very great appreciation of the assistance they have received from Prof. C. A. M. Smith and more particularly for the paper he has prepared and will read on the 11th April, on the most interesting subject of "Modern Methods of Measurement" or "The World beyond our Senses," which he has treated in a masterly, although popular, manner and which they feel will be highly appreciated by all those who are privileged to hear it.

In conclusion I would again exhort all Members to exert every endeavour to increase our membership and thus make our improvement greater as well as continuous, so that next year we may be able to record four profitable quarters instead of one.

I now formally move the Adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet as presented and, when the motion has been duly seconded, I shall be glad to answer any question to the best of my ability. (Applause).

Mr. L. J. Blackburn seconded.

Donation Offered.

Mr. H. R. Latham rose and after discussing various items on the report and drawing attention to the Institution's means of obtaining revenue, asked the meeting to consider an offer from Mr. Andrew Harper of \$1,000 as a donation to the funds of the Institution. Mr. Latham intimated that members should be allowed to do something over and above their annual subscription to assist the finances.

The chairman pointed out that the question did not arise from the report and accounts, and intimated that it would be dealt with by the incoming Committee, but he thanked Mr. Harper for the offer.

Mr. Blackburn, the President, then presented the following prizes for Billiards competitions, the names of donors being in brackets:

Thornycroft Challenge Cup for 1929.

1st. (Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft and Co., Ltd.) Mr. A. H. McBride.
2nd. (Messrs. the Vacuum Oil Co.) Mr. G. C. Watson.

Break (Institution) Mr. C. F. Taylor.

Watson Cup.

1st. (Mr. G. C. Watson.) Mr. P. T. Farrell.
2nd. (Mr. Andrew Harper) Mr. J. Ormiston.
Break (Institution) Mr. W. B. Haslett.

President's Competition, for 1929.

1st. (Mr. L. J. Blackburn) Mr. A. E. Silkestone.
2nd. (Mr. R. Hunter) Mr. H. E. Hendy.

Break (Mr. E. W. Blackmore) Mr. K. S. Robertson.

Vice-Presidents' Competition.

1st. (Messrs. P. T. Farrell and C. A. M. Smith) Mr. A. E. Silkestone.
2nd. (Mr. G. J. Harman) Mr. W. Moodie.

Break (Mr. G. F. Taylor) Mr. W. Brown.

Thornycroft Challenge Cup for 1929.

1st. (Messrs. John I. Thornycroft & Co., Ltd.) Mr. W. B. Haslett.
2nd. (Messrs. the Vacuum Oil Co.) Mr. W. Russell.
Break, Mr. G. C. Watson.

"Osborn" Challenge Trophy.

1st. (Messrs. Samuel Osborn & Co., Ltd.) Mr. A. Urwin.
2nd. (Messrs. Samuel Osborn & Co., Ltd.) Mr. J. R. Heard.
Break (Institution) Mr. C. A. Mutton.

Wo Fat Shing Cup.

1st. (Members of Messrs. Wo Fat Shing) Mr. K. S. Robertson.
2nd. (Members of Messrs. Wo Fat Shing) Mr. A. J. Pilgrim.
Break (Members of Messrs. Wo Fat Shing) Mr. E. W. Blackmore.

New Officers.

In rising to propose the Committee's nomination to the Presidency, Mr. Blackburn said that he was sure the person whom he was proposing needed no introduction. Mr. Dyer had already been President for two years, and it was at the request of the Committee that he had expressed his willingness to stand as the President for the incoming year. The incoming year was going to be a serious one in the affairs of the Institution, as they had to consider a new lease for their premises. Mr. Dyer had always taken a very kind interest in the doings of the Institution, not only by putting in a kindly word for them as regards their landlords and thus saving them \$100 a month in rent since January, but had assisted them in divers other ways. Mr. Dyer would also be instrumental in securing new members from among the professional men.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. Ormiston, and carried.

Mr. Dyer suitably replied, and thanked the meeting for having elected him President. He promised to do his best to further the interests of the Institution.

Other officers were then elected as follows:

Vice Presidents, Mr. G. F. Taylor and Mr. B. J. Lacombe. Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. W. Blackmore; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. E. F. Thompson; Hon. Librarian, Mr. H. R. Latham; managing committee, Messrs. C. F. Taylor, L. J. Blackburn, G. J. Harman, F. P. R. James, B. J. Lacombe, C. A. M. Smith, V. G. Kerley, J. M. Jack, P. T. Farrell, J. Ormiston, L. Young and J. P. Ulderup.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors at the usual fee of \$500 per year.

The Retiring President.

Mr. Dyer proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Blackburn, the retiring President, who had filled the high office with great dignity and success.

In reply, Mr. Blackburn assured the meeting that he had appreciated the opportunity of having served as President of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, and always would appreciate it. It was a privilege. He might say that during the year he had had excellent support from the worthy chairman, Mr. Taylor, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Blackmore, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. J. J. Martin, and members of the Committee in general, and during the coming year he hoped to be able to assist the newly elected President to the utmost of his ability.

Continuing, Mr. Blackburn said that he would like the meeting to express their appreciation to Mr. A. Harper for the offer of \$1,000 towards the funds of the Institution, but of course the acceptance of that would be for the incoming Committee, and if Mr. Harper would kindly notify the Committee as to the terms under which he wished to donate that generous contribution he had no doubt the incoming Committee would duly consider it and thank him for his kindly thought. (Applause).

Mr. Harper proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee for the very efficient manner in which they had conducted the affairs of the club.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Taylor for presiding.

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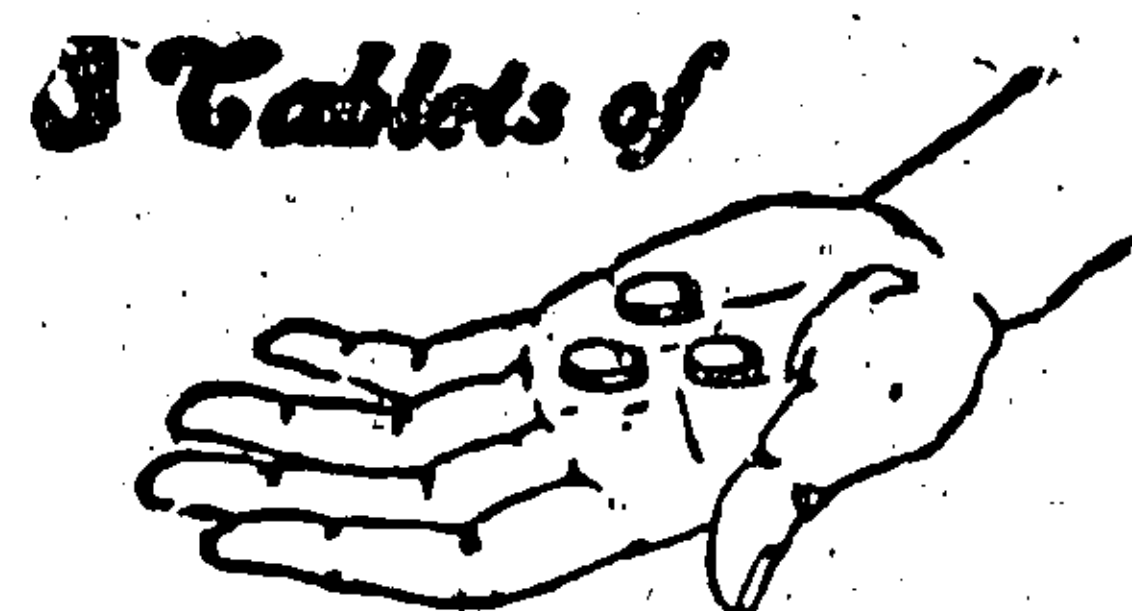
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POLICE ANNUAL INSPECTION.

H.E. CONGRATULATES FORCE
ON WORK.

SMART TURN-OUT.

Congratulating the force on another year of good work, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) at the annual inspection of the Hongkong Police Force yesterday, commented on the successful way in which Communism had been kept in check in the Colony.

Over 220 of the Hongkong Police force were on parade within the compound of the Central Police Station for the official inspection. They were drawn up according to their divisions, the European section with 53 men taking a position on the left, the Indian body, with 66 men in the centre, the Shantung contingent with 54 to the right, and the Cantonese to the south side of the compound, with two Lewis gun crews, and the officers who were to receive medals and other marks of recognition of good service from the hands of the Acting Governor.

Assisting the Inspector General of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.), in command of the respective sections were the Director of Criminal Intelligence (Mr. T. H. King) and the following officers: Mr. W. R. Scott, A.S.P., Mr. D. Burlingham, Divisional Superintendent (Kowloon), Mr. W. le Bart Sparrow, A.S.P., and Mr. L.H.V. Booth, A.S.P. Other officers on parade were the two Indian A.S.P.s, Mohinder Singh and Nawab Khan, and Chief Inspector P. Grant.

It is interesting to note, as showing the growing strength of the Force, that the men drawn for the annual inspection represented but a fraction of the total strength of 2,047.

Upon his arrival, escorted by Captain A. O. Swayne, A.D.C., His Excellency received the general salute and, accompanied by the Inspector General, proceeded to inspect the assembled force. At the conclusion, the men were drawn up in the form of a hollow square before a table on which were medals and other marks of recognition for meritorious service.

Congratulations.

In presenting the awards His Excellency said:

"Mr. Wolfe and Members of the Hongkong Police Force: I congratulate you on another year of good work. The Colony has been fortunate in escaping any serious disturbances during the year, the worst crime being an individual case of murder, robbery and kidnapping by an armed band near Fanling. Although there has been a slight increase in the actual number of cases dealt with by the Police, very few could be regarded as serious crimes, and the year generally will be regarded as a peaceful one in the annals of the Police. For this satisfactory record the Colony owes much to the quiet and effective work of the Police Force under the able guidance of the Inspector General and his officers.

"There was evidence during the year that the menace of Communism still required the most careful attention, and I congratulate the Force on the success which attended its efforts in this important branch of Police work. It is essential that no efforts be spared to check the activities of those disruptive elements which seek to subvert the peace and good order of the Colony.

Public Confidence.

"I was pleased to hear that all ranks were showing continued interest in the First-aid and Life-saving classes. It is very satisfactory to know that 399 First-aid Certificates and 28 Life-saving Certificates were granted during the year, and I look forward to the time when every member of the Force will regard the possession of these certificates as essential to his efficiency. They afford a visible proof to the public that the Police Force exists not only for the apprehension of criminals, but as a very real help to anyone in distress, and they are of great assistance to the Force in gaining the confidence of the public. I wish the Force to bear in mind that their work will be greatly lightened if they have the ready co-operation of all classes of the community, and this they can only obtain when no man, however humble his status, is afraid to bring his troubles to the Police. You cannot reach this happy state of affairs without forbearance and self-restraint on the part of the Police. Rough methods therefore should be scrupulously avoided. I know how strong the temptation is to use force when the gentle art of persuasion seems to fail, but with all the influence at my command I urge you not to yield to this temptation. Make it your ambition to see that the Police Force of Hongkong is regarded as the friend of the people and particularly of the poor.

EDUCATION AND COMMERCE.

THE QUESTION OF MODERN
BUSINESS TRAINING.

The question whether a University education was necessary for success in commerce was dealt with by Prof. R. Robertson last night, in a comprehensive address entitled "Commercial Education," which was delivered in the Assembly Room of the Hongkong University.

Prof. Robertson said his address was not exactly in the nature of a lecture but more of a general talk on the subject of commercial education. Connected as the audience was with the University of Hongkong they should be interested in education, and as most of them were in the Law Society, they should be interested in commerce.

Business and other things had kept him very busy for some time, went on the speaker, with the result that he did not have very much time to go into the matter, and he asked to be excused if his remarks were not as deep as they hoped or expected.

The speaker said that at one time it was thought that education was not necessary for success in business. In a way that was true. Men with no education at all had been known to have reached the top of the ladder in business, but the supply of these men with inborn genius was not great enough for the present demand for trained men to fill responsible positions.

In the speaker's opinion, education was essential for success in business.

Prof. Robertson then went on to deal with the training of boys, dwelling at some length on the different grades of education, beginning from the elementary school and going on to secondary schools and universities.

Referring to the last-named, the speaker said the idea that a university existed to endow students with a general culture rather than with the essentials of a profession arose only a short while ago. Up to not very long ago, the universities at home were simply training grounds for three professions—Medicine, Law and the Church; so the idea that a course in commerce was an attack upon the foundation of university principles was not based on a very long tradition.

Prof. Robertson next quoted several authorities on the question of education.

At the conclusion of the address a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed and passed with acclamation.

and you will find the people will be ready to assist you in your arduous and often dangerous duties.

"Mr. Wolfe, I congratulate you on the smartness of your Force on parade to-day, and on the success of their efforts in the past; and I wish you all future success in the important duty entrusted to your charge of preserving law and order in the Colony of Hongkong."

A Presentation.

Opportunity was also taken to present Lieutenant-Commander Thomas Charles Stiff, R.D., R.N.R., with the Royal Naval Reserve Officer's Decoration. In making the presentation, His Excellency said:

"I have much pleasure in handing to you the Royal Naval Reserve Officer's Decoration, which has been awarded to you in recognition of your long and faithful service, including War service from October, 1914, to May, 1919, in the Royal Naval Reserve."

Police Awards.

The 3rd. Class Medal was awarded to Inspector A. N. Reynolds; for zealous, diligent work during the past two-and-a-half years, especially while acting as Chief Detective Inspector during the year 1929. He will complete 20 years services on 7th. April, 1930; has been three times commended by the Inspector General of Police, and was awarded the 4th. Class Medal in September, 1927.

The 4th. Class Medal was presented to the following:—

Inspector R. Lanigan, for long and faithful service. He joined the Force on January 6th, 1908, and so has over 22 years service. For the last 2 years he has been in charge of Police Searchers on the Water Front—a duty he has discharged with marked diligence and tact.

P. S. B44 Inder Singh, for long and faithful service. He joined the Force on 10th. November, 1904. He has been commended once in 1929 by the Inspector General of Police.

Principal Chinese Detective Lal Sui, for long and faithful service. He joined the Force on 29th. April, 1902; was transferred to Detective Staff on 29th. November, 1911. He has been 5 times commended by the Inspector General of Police.

Sergeant Major Tang Kai, for long and faithful service. He joined

FRANCONIA DUE ON MONDAY.

A CRUISE OF NEARLY
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The Cunard liner Franconia in the course of her seventh cruise round the world, will arrive here on Monday from Manila. There are 420 tourists on board.

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Private Suites and Bedrooms.

The bedroom accommodation of the Franconia is unusually luxurious and comfortable. There are a number of suites comprising sitting room, bedroom and bathroom, whilst there is a large number of bedroom fitted with magnificent bedsteads, dressing tables, wardrobes and night tables. Before sailing from Liverpool last December many of the bedrooms in the Franconia were entirely redecorated, costly fabrics being used for the walls, replacing the previous painted hardwood panels. All the rooms are supplied with hot and cold running water, whilst many of them have private bathrooms adjoining.

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ed the Force on 14th. June, 1901, and was promoted to his present rank on 1st. November, 1923.

Chief Engineer Class 2. Mok Kam (Water Police), for long and faithful service. He joined the Force on 30th. December, 1904.

Class 2 Engineer No. 20 Ju Shing, for long and faithful service. He joined the Force on 1st. July, 1904.

P. S. A63 O'Donovan was commended for efficient, zealous work in the investigation of activities of Communists in the Colony, during the past 1½ years. He joined the Force on July 8th, 1922, and was transferred to the Detective Staff in November, 1923. For over a year he has been at the head of the Squad dealing with Communism, and has put in much hard work and many extra hours of duty.

Watchmen's Medals.

District Watchman Medals were awarded to the following:—

D. W. Leung Chi—Commended once by the Police Magistrate in 1929 in connexion with a pick pocket case. Commended once by Mr. North, S.C.A., for good work in connexion with information about the activities of Chinese Politicians and other work of a confidential nature.

D.W. 34 Wong Ching Ki—For general good work during 1929 especially for his activity in arresting pick pockets.

D. W. 47 Cheung Chau—For being a consistent hard worker and especially for his work in reporting an unauthorised meeting of the Tea House Workers Guild which had been proscribed with the result that several of the officials were punished (C.O.S. No. 8 in 55/1929).

D. W. 99 Tse Kit—For being a hard worker and especially for good work in arresting pick pockets.

Belillios Bronze Medal.

Lo So, a seaman of the Star Ferry "Golden Star" was awarded the Belillios Bronze Medal and \$5 for saving the life of a Chinese man, named Chu Chun, 80 years of age, living on the second floor of No. 7, Lun Fat Street. The incident took place on February 10 of this year.



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SOBER ENGLAND.

SIR GEORGE NEWMAN
ON ALCOHOL.

Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, giving evidence before the Royal Commission on Licensing, quoted figures showing the death-rates in England during the last three centuries, and pointed out that the highest rates were recorded between 1701 and 1791. After 1871 there was a remarkable decrease. The high rates coincided with a wave of alcoholic excess, mainly spirit drinking.

Lord Amulree (the Chairman): Generally speaking I notice that London shows a higher death rate than that for the whole of England. How do you account for that?

Sir George Newman: I should account for that by saying that life in the Provinces was more healthy than life in London. That difference does not exist to-day because.

Sanitation and civilisation generally have undergone a much greater degree of evolution in London than throughout the country during the last 150 years.

Probably the dietetic habits of the people are a greater factor in public health than anything else except heredity. Dietary has a more direct and quick result on the health of the people than any other element. I look upon heredity and what I shall call nature on the one hand, and nurture and way of living on the other, as the two fundamental factors that affect the health of the individual and the community.

Sobriety and Longevity.

Alcoholism, added Sir George Newman, rendered people more susceptible to pneumonia, venereal disease and tuberculosis.

I know of no scientific evidence, he continued, in support of the view that alcohol increases or fortifies the natural powers of resistance of the body to infective processes, or that alcohol directly strengthens the tissues of the body. Alcohol is narcotic rather than stimulant in action; and its main effects apart from the effects of its continued excessive consumption on particular organs, is exerted upon the nervous system. Its nutritional value is strictly limited and transient, and its habitual use as an aid to work is physiologically unsound.

It cannot be doubted that there has been an amazing transformation in the health of the people, for whom life is wider, better, and longer, and death is more remote. Undoubtedly, many health problems remain, but

The English people are becoming more sober, more healthy, and longer lived than in 1720-1750 or in 1838.

Sir George Newman then remarked: I have never known a highly skilled surgeon—and I have met very many from Lord Lister down to the present time—who has felt that, in operating on the living body, and having a body at the mercy of the skill of his fingers, he could do his work better by drinking alcoholic beverages. This does not mean that every great surgeon is a teetotaler, but they have to be abstemious.

Sir George further expressed the view that the limitation of opening hours for licensed premises had been conducive both to sobriety and to less broken time in industry. Compared with the Eighteenth Century, he declared, in spite of increased population, the emergence of vast industrial problems, and the varied "emancipations" of recent times, we have a relatively sober England.

RESTAURANT SCENE IN NEW OPERA.

RATTLING DISHES—AS ACCOMPANIMENT.

The American opera which Mr. George Antheil is writing, whether for the Metropolitan Opera House or not, will have as its scene a popular restaurant replete with tiled walls and floor with its accompaniment of rattling dishes.

The plot of the opera remains a mystery, but Mr. Antheil's friends say that the opera is strictly original and strictly American. The policy of silence is continued at the Metropolitan, although Mr. Otto Kahn is said to have commissioned Messrs. Antheil and John Erskine to write the work.

The news of the inclusion of the restaurant scene came from Trenton, New Jersey this being Mr. Antheil's native town. A friend there received a letter from Mr. Antheil asking him to send photographs showing the exteriors and interiors of typical popular restaurants.

Mr. Antheil in the "Ballet Mechanique" used everything from sledge hammers to cow bells. In his latest piece "Oedipus Rex" he employed eight pianos.

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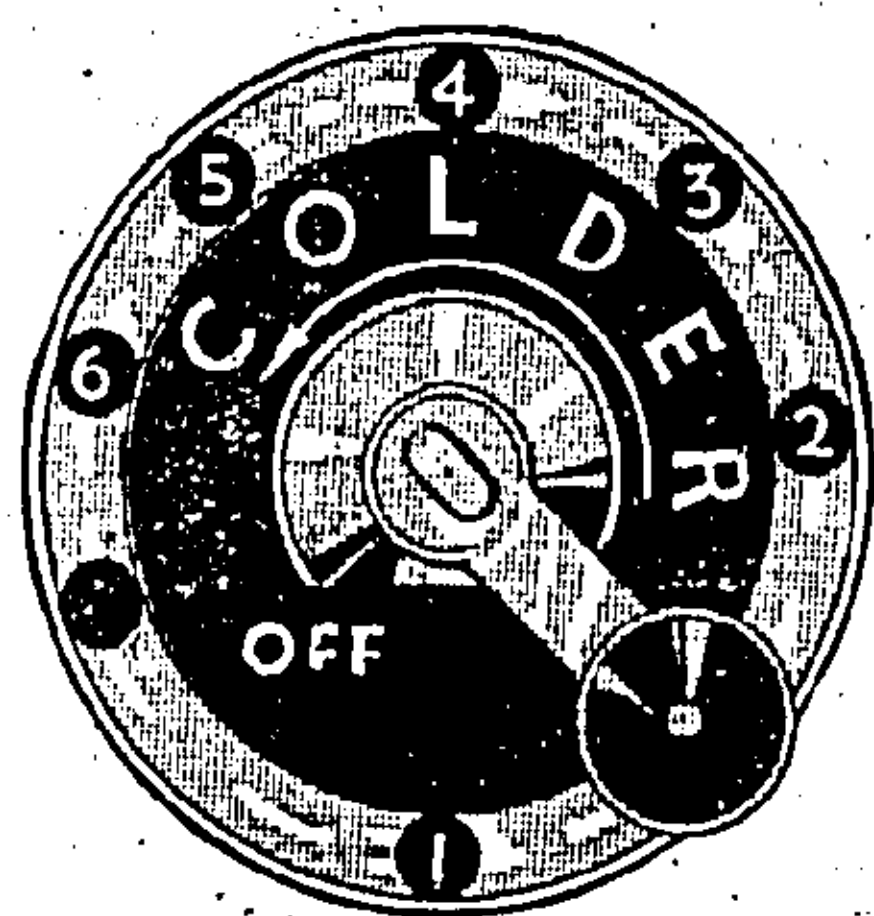
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WHAT THE RETURNS SHOW.

The outstanding fact revealed by the returns showing the direction of Britain's trade is the steady decline of our trade with the overseas Empire in the past three years concurrently with a growth of our trade with foreign countries.

This applies to both imports and exports alike, as may be seen from the following table:

	1927.	1928.	1929.
	£100,000,000's		
Imports:			
From Empire	368.7	363.8	360.3
From foreign countries	851.7	832.0	861.3
From foreign countries	251.7	832.0	861.3
Exports:			
To Empire	326.7	327.7	324.5
To foreign countries	382.4	395.9	405.1

It will be seen that whereas our imports from the Empire declined by £6,000,000 and our exports to the Empire by £2,000,000, our trade with foreign countries increased by £10,000,000 and £23,000,000 respectively.

A notable feature of our exports in 1929 as compared with 1928, was an increase of £11,500,000 in our exports to European countries, while those to the United States, Central and South America, and Asia all remained practically stationary. Of the increase in our exports to Europe, £8,000,000 was accounted for by coal alone, so that our manufacturing industries did not derive much benefit. In our trade with the Empire the whole decline in 1929, as compared with 1928, was due to India, who took nearly £6,000,000 less. On the other hand, we exported £1,000,000 more to the Dominions and £1,500,000 more to the Colonies.

(The above figures do not include re-exports, because these are of no importance from the point of view of the British producer, though, of course, they seriously affect our trade balance).

Imports.

On the import side the movement is somewhat similar. Our imports from Europe, mostly manufactured goods, increased by £19,000,000. Those from India declined by £1,500,000, while the Dominions also sent £8,000,000 less. This, however, was due entirely to a reduction of £8,000,000 in our wheat imports from Canada, which was compensated for by a corresponding increase from the Argentine. The Colonies sent us £6,000,000 more in 1929 than in 1928, of which £5,000,000 is accounted for by the growth in rubber imports from British Malaya.

Another noteworthy feature in our foreign trade figures is the unfavourable development of our trade with the United States, who increased her exports to Britain from £188,500,000 to £195,500,000, while she reduced her imports from £46,500,000 to £45,500,000.

All in all the variations in the direction of our overseas trade in 1929 as compared with 1928 are comparatively slight, but the tendency away from the Empire and towards foreign countries is one which will require a searching investigation by the Imperial Economic Conference when it meets later this year.

INDIAN EXTREMISTS' RESIGNATION.

EFFECT OF LAHORE CONGRESS DECISION.

The Secretary for India stated in the House of Commons that as a result of the National Congress decision at Lahore, resignations of Congress members had taken place from the Central and Provincial Legislatures, and by-elections were held. The following table shows the number of resignations:

	No. of Congress Members.	No. of resignations.
Legislative Assembly	34	25
Council of State	9	8
Madras	35	15
Bombay	16	7
Bengal	47	38
United Provinces	22	14
Punjab	1	1
Burma	1	1
Bihar and Orissa	35	31
Central Provinces	17	16
Assam	16	10

Asked as to the demonstration of ex-soldier Sikhs at Lahore, Mr. Wedgwood, in a written answer, states that the Government are always ready to consider ex-soldiers' grievances when made through the proper channels. During the past year many hard cases which did not come within existing regulations had been met with pecuniary assistance.



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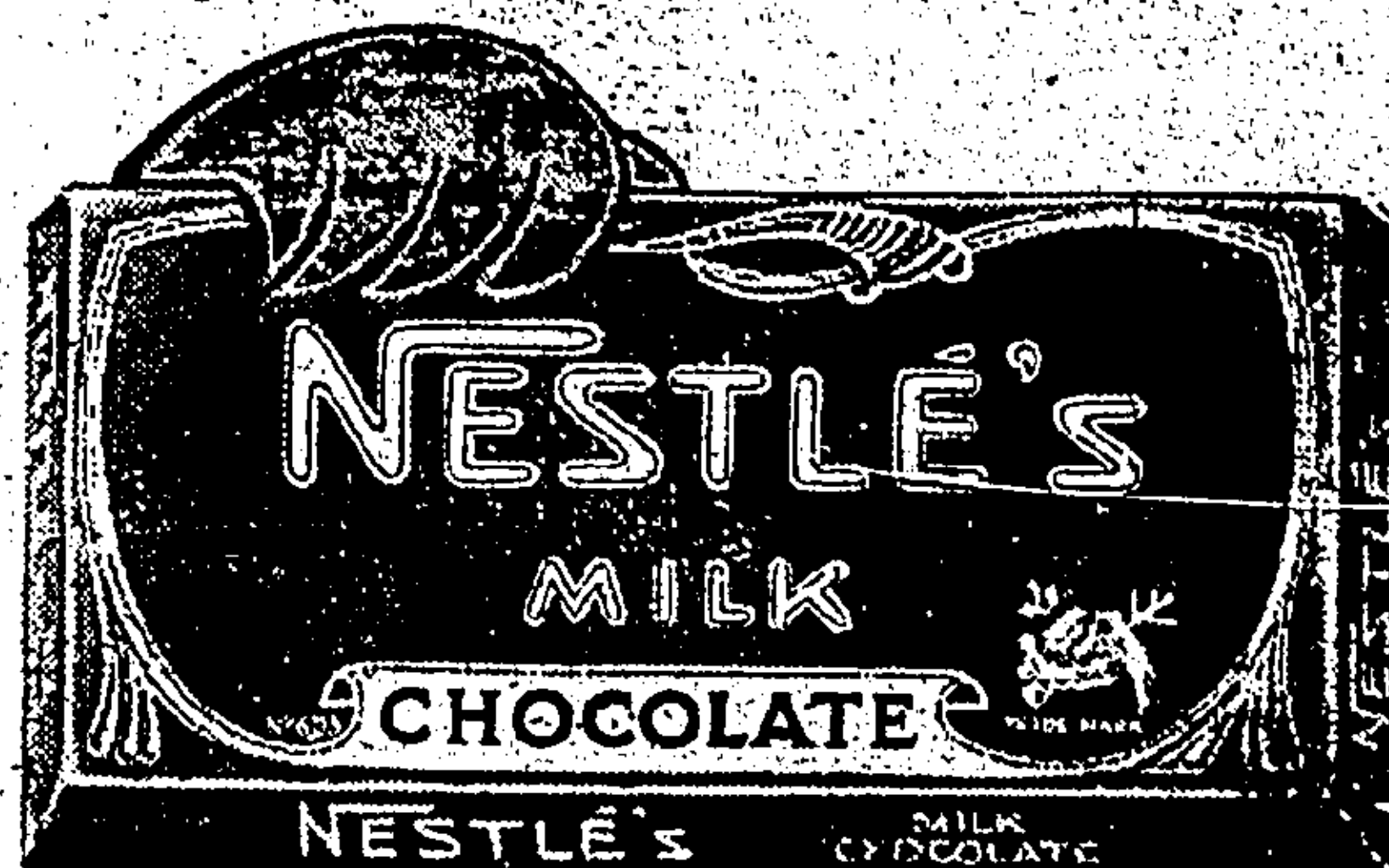
CLOSING OF PRISONS.

HOME OFFICE CLEARS UP MISUNDERSTANDING.

The Home Office has issued the following statement: "The Secretary of State for the Home Department thinks it desirable to correct certain misunderstandings which appear to have arisen about the closing of prisons."

"The prison population has declined considerably in recent years, and 25 local prisons have been closed since 1914. The only prison to be closed shortly is the small prison at Plymouth. The reference made by the Secretary of State to the sale of unwanted prisons was to prisons which had already been closed for some time, and discontinued as such. So far as can be foreseen, there is little likelihood of any considerable number of prisons now in use being sold or closed in the near future."

"The Secretary of State said in Parliament recently that he would be prepared to consider an offer from a housing authority to purchase Pentonville prison, and he has also been approached by the Kent County Council with an offer to purchase Maidstone prison, but it is too early at present to say whether either of these proposals will fructify or what will be their ultimate effect on the total number of prisons in use."



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Importance of Relaxation.

[By Ann Moresby.]

The power of relaxing is one of the chief secrets of retaining beauty and youth. The women who have learnt how to relax their minds and the muscles of their faces and bodies are those who stay young and fresh-looking in spite of strenuous lives and more than their due of worry.

They can get more benefit from one beauty treatment than the woman who cannot relax will get from six—more rest from a ten minutes' siesta and six hours' sleep at night than other women from an hour in the afternoon, and ten hours later on.

People who cannot relax their muscles never get the full benefit from either exercise or rest, and are perpetually overtaxing their energies.

As we get older our muscles become less elastic, and it is therefore more than ever important to keep them as supple and as tractable as we can.

Child and Adult.

A child laughs, cries, and makes all kinds of faces; but its muscles are so obedient that all the lines formed by facial contortions are smoothed out immediately they are over.

With older people it is different. A frown, a laugh, a screwing up of the eyes or wrinkling of the brows, is often held for some time after the emotion which caused it has passed. But if one makes a constant habit of frowning, smiling, and screwing up the eyes, and holding the position indefinitely, it is obvious that any lines one may have already will be intensified, and that one is well on the way to making new ones.

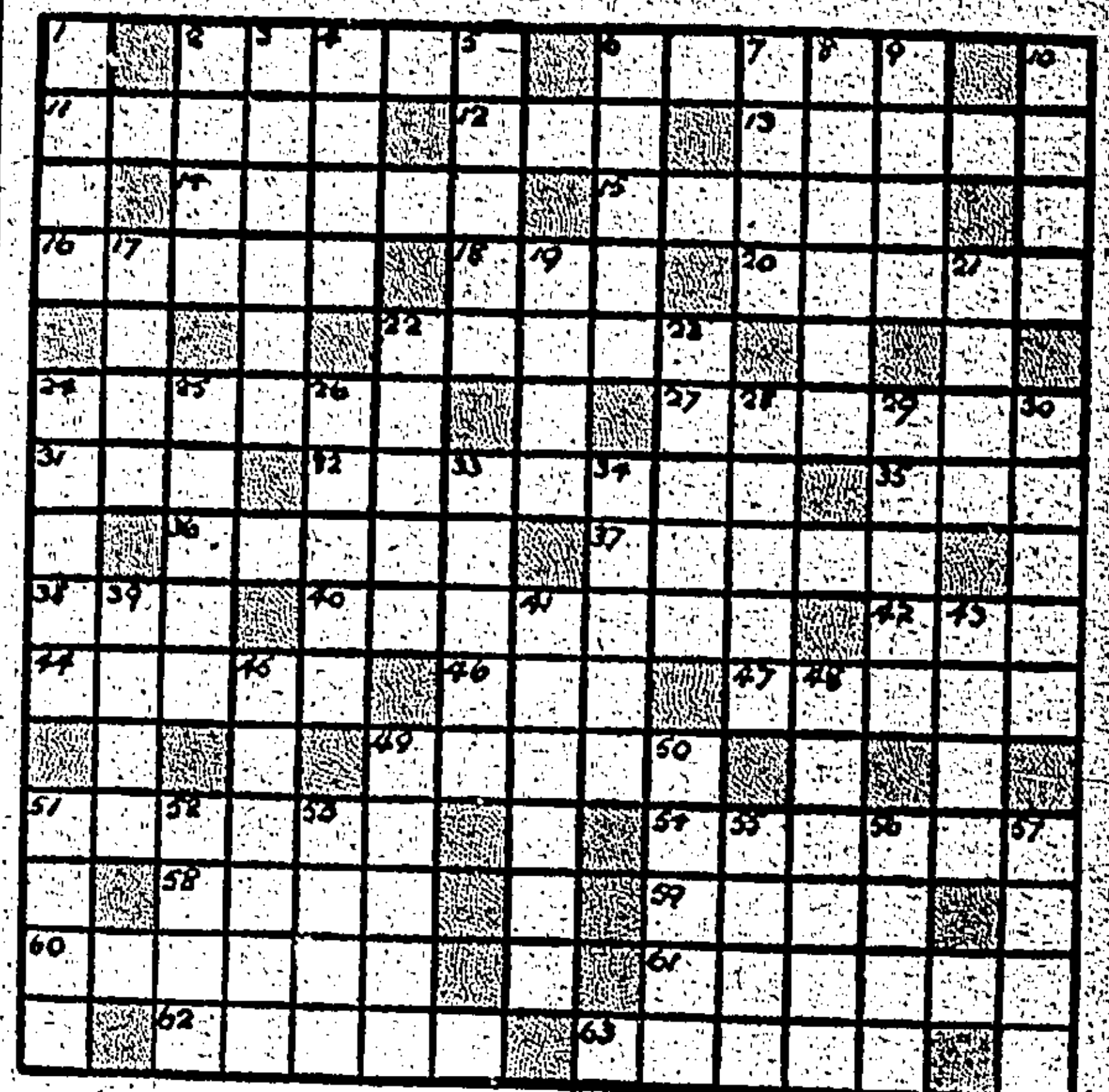
We all know people who always look worried, even when they have nothing in the world to worry about; and others who wear a fixed smile nearly all the time. Both expressions are meaningless and therefore the reverse of attractive, and both have a definitely bad effect on the face.

Learning at All Ages.

The art of relaxation can be learnt at any age, by those who mean to acquire it; and there is no age at which it is not very well worth while. But many people, and especially those who are easily keyed up and live at high tension normally, may find it difficult at first.

Some will find certain kinds of music extremely helpful—a few, the reading of a much enjoyed passage in a favourite book, or even to be read aloud to. Others to concentrate on something very lovely that they have seen. Each to her choice—a little practice and more determination will bring satisfying rewards.

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- 20 In place of.
- 22 Scotch dish.
- 24 Estate.
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- 31 Fuss.
- 32 Severest.
- 35 Devoured.
- 36 Elected.
- 37 Ogles.
- 38 Age.
- 40 Barren.
- 42 Article.
- 44 Save.
- 46 Fun.
- 47 Apportioned.
- 49 Disease.
- 51 Sort.
- 54 Those who idle.
- 58 Quick.
- 59 Idiot.
- 60 Temper.
- 61 Glasses.
- 62 Full of seeds.
- 63 Edge.

Down.

- 1 Unit.
- 2 Young bullock.
- 3 Prosper.
- 4 Guiding rope.
- 5 Keeping of masonic lodge.
- 6 Passes lightly.
- 7 Egyptians' sacred bird.
- 8 Foamy.
- 9 Destiny.
- 10 Horde.

- 17 Old.
- 19 Noisy.
- 21 Adjoin.
- 22 Brute.
- 23 Painters' stand.
- 24 Stone fruits.
- 25 Pertaining to a district.
- 26 Flural of this.
- 28 Horse.
- 29 Endures.
- 30 Fled.
- 33 Steward.
- 34 The best.
- 39 Rub away.
- 41 Gully.
- 43 Listen.
- 45 Leave empty.
- 46 Geometrical figure.
- 48 Eastern.
- 50 Plunder.
- 51 A few.
- 52 News.
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OPENING HARBOUR PIPELINE.

TO BE PERFORMED BY THE O.A.G.

The harbour pipe line will be officially opened on Monday afternoon when His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government will arrive at Queen's Pier at 3 p.m. and will be met by the Director of Public Works.

Mr. Henderson, assistant Director of Public Works in charge of waterworks, and his staff, will be presented to the Hon. Mr. Southorn who will then inspect the section of the harbour pipe line under Queen's Pier and open the wash out valve which will discharge the water obtained from the Shing Mun River.

After closing the wash out valve His Excellency and party will proceed, via Statue Square, to the top of Wardley Street at its junction with Queen's Road and will there open the valve connecting the cross harbour pipe line with the city mains.

The City Hall fountain, charged with Shing Mun River water, will be brought into play until His Excellency's departure at 3.30 p.m.

No individual invitations are being issued for the ceremony but members of the public will be welcomed both at the ceremony at Queen's Pier and at Wardley Street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Refutation.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir—With reference to the report which appeared in your paper regarding the proceedings in Bankruptcy in re Tseung Fu Kwong, a partner in the King Edward Hotel, at his public examination at the Supreme Court yesterday morning, when the debtor made certain allegations against my client, Mr. Leo D'Almada, Solicitor, as to accounts, my client desires to refute such allegations.

You will appreciate that, at the moment, it is impossible to deal fully with the matter, involving, as it does, certain correspondence with the Official Receiver. Nevertheless, it is desirable, in the interests of my client, to take this first opportunity to inform the public, through your paper that accounts were rendered from time to time to the debtor and his partners and a final account rendered at the settlement.

In fairness to my client I shall be glad if you will be so good as to publish this letter in your next issue so that any misapprehension that may exist in the minds of your readers may be removed.

J. M. D'ALMADA REMEDIOS.

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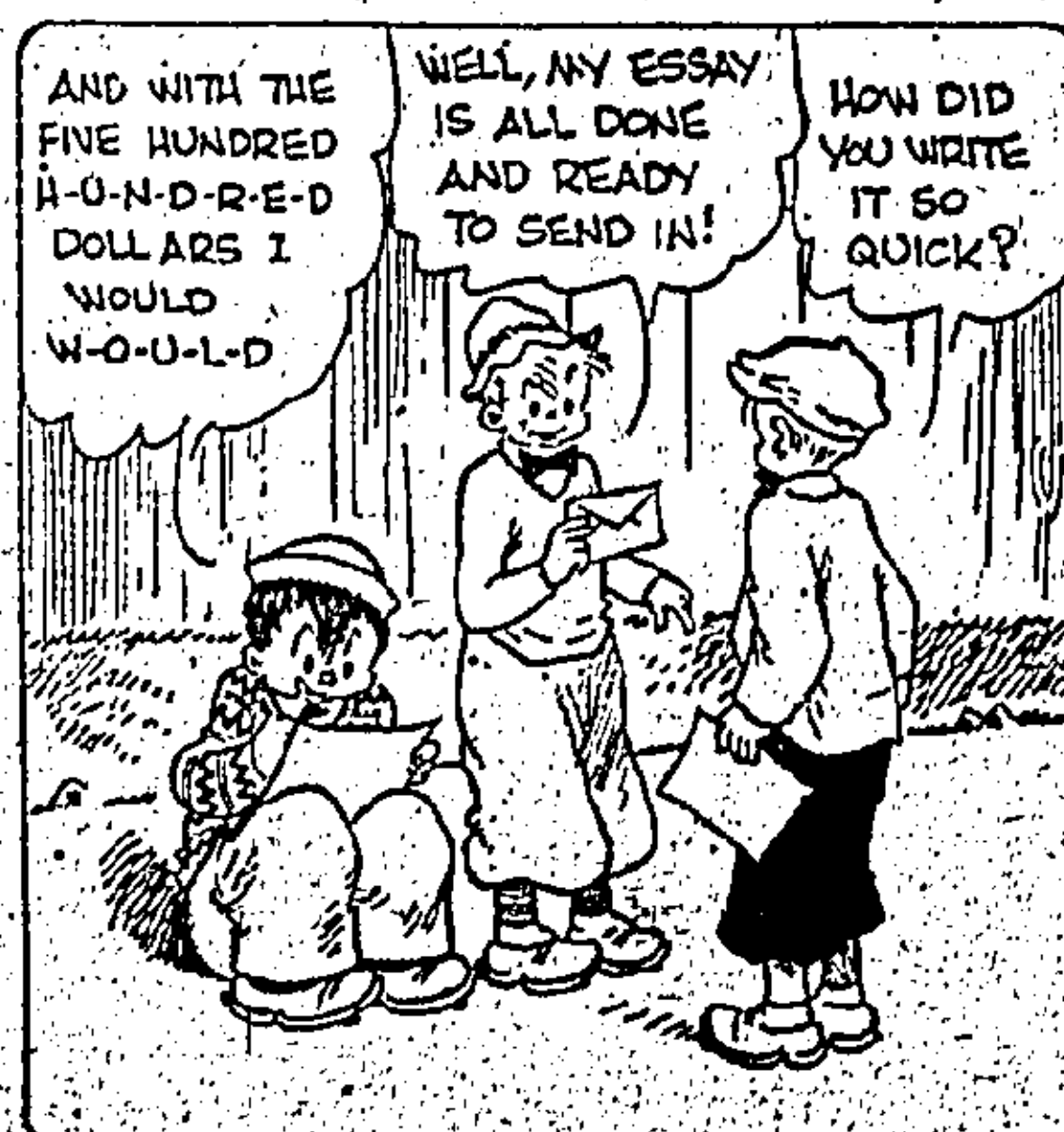
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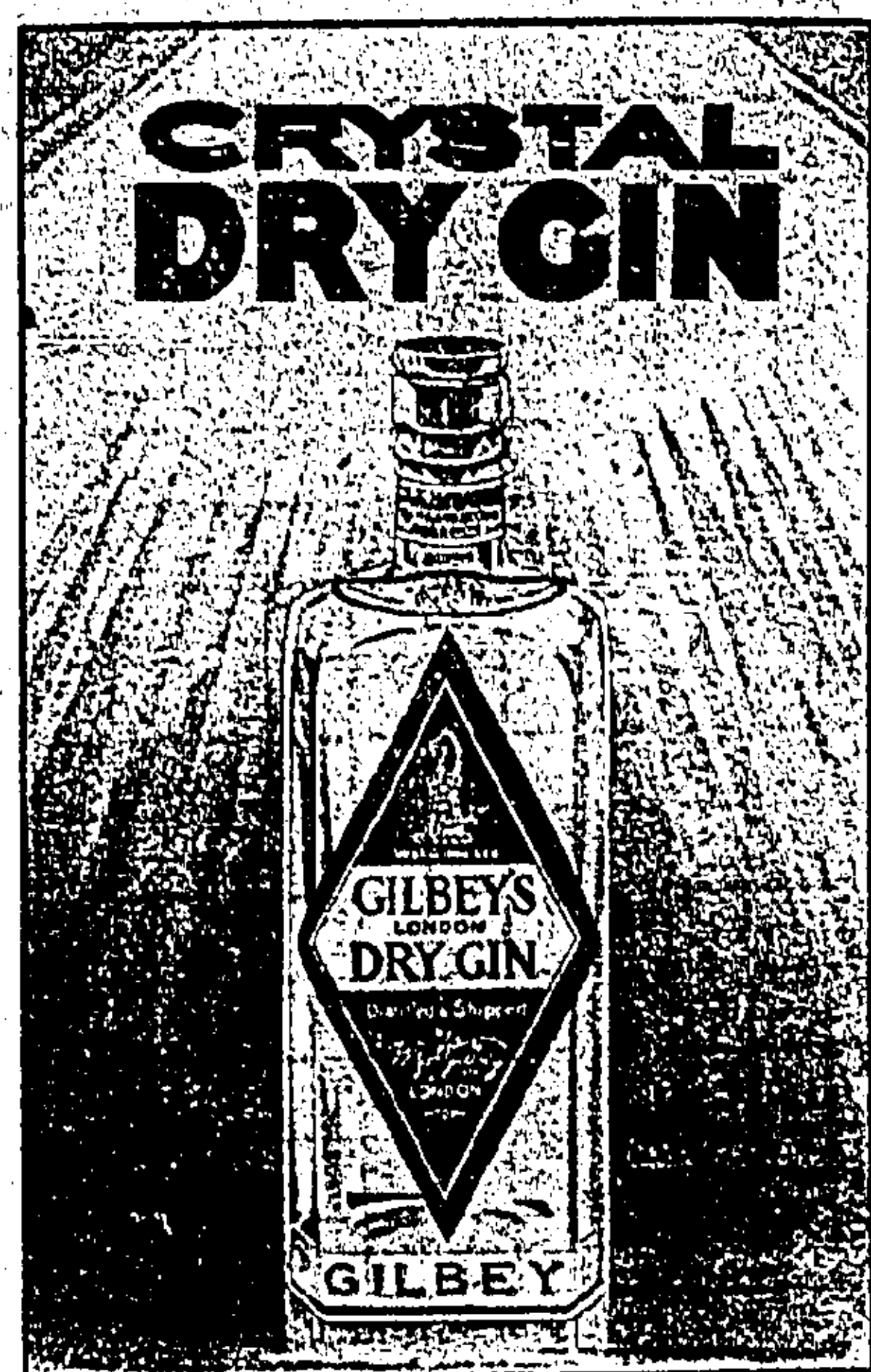
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SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1930.

WHY THE ALARM?

Precisely what Mr. Winston Churchill fears when he envisages a Liberal-Labour combination twisting the Electoral Law into a form most harmful to Conservatives and Imperial interests, it would be difficult to say. The understanding which is believed to exist between the two progressive Parties strikes us as quite a natural political development, although at the moment it does not appear to involve anything more than an agreement by the Liberals not to obstruct Labour unduly until such time as the Naval Conference is over and the question of electoral reform is tackled. The Liberals apparently feel that if they can get some of the principal anomalies of our electoral system swept away, which seemingly cannot be done until late next year, they will be justified in keeping Labour in power until that time; then, should a dissolution take place, they feel they would be able to get a fairer representation in Parliament than is at present possible.

Where the "twisting" is likely to come in under such an arrangement, we cannot see. After all, even Mr. Churchill must concede the desirability of electoral reform. Indeed, his Party suffered from the defects of the present system at the last General Election, for with a quarter of a million more votes than Labour, it had to be content with twenty-seven fewer seats in the House. The Liberals, incidentally, were far more badly hit, for their 5,260,000 votes yielded them only 59 seats, compared with Labour's 287 seats for 8,400,000 votes. The truth, of course, is that from time to time, all Parties have been the victims of a system which does not give a fair reflection of the political feelings of the country. When the Labour Government took office last year, it was foreshadowed in the King's Speech that an examination would be instituted to bring the working of the law relating to Parliamentary elections into conformity with the new conditions resulting from the extended franchise. Later, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald intimated that the enquiry would include an examination of every factor, including the question of possible changes in the system of voting. The improper use

of huge central funds, as being liable to discredit democracy, was also cited as one of the points to be covered. It is clear, however, that what Liberals and Labour alike chiefly aim at is some method by which candidates for seats in Parliament will not be returned on minority votes, and we cannot see what possible objection Mr. Churchill or any other Conservative can have to action along these lines.

As we have indicated, the Liberal-Labour pact is at the moment temporary in character. It appears to have been arranged for a specific purpose. The point must not be lost sight of, however, that contact may lead to new and more lasting developments. Before the last General Election, it was suggested in Liberal quarters that whilst a three-Party tussle was inevitable, the best hopes for the future seemed to lie in an ultimate fusion of the main elements of the two Parties. In this connexion, it was hazarded that in due course an issue might arise which would again divide the nation along lines which roughly correspond with the normal cleavage of opinion, separating the Liberal from the Conservative and the progressive from the reactionary. In that event, there would be a reversion to the two-Party system. It is pertinent to consider whether that time has yet arrived. On the fiscal issue, the division of Parties is clear. Mr. Churchill realises this when he talks of a Liberal-Labour combination working the "Dear Food" cry for all it is worth. It remains to be seen whether unanimity of outlook on this question will in course of time lead to a more broadly-based and lasting alliance, eventually culminating in fusion.

Rising Naval Hopes.

A concession has been made to the Armed Security fetish and the London Naval Conference has received a new lease of life. It is morally certain that a Five-Power Agreement, backed by a political understanding, will now emerge. The details have not been worked out, but the principle has been accepted. The highest hurdle has been cleared. There remains only one of any consequence ahead, the finding of a formula which will represent the middle course between a purely consulative pact and a pact containing military guarantees. America's tradition denies any hope that she will be drawn into an understanding involving her military assistance in time of war. Equally it is clear that the British Government, having authorised drastic cuts in all directions in naval armaments, cannot at the same time add to its international obligations. The most likely event is the conclusion of a consultative pact, containing within it, a Mediterranean Agreement between Britain, France and Italy, going a long way towards satisfying French demands, without committing Great Britain to steps which would not be required under the Covenant of the League of Nations. And such is the difference in the mentality of the British and French approaches to pacts, protocols and agreements, that an understanding on these lines is almost certain to be satisfactory to France. The British Government having signed the Peace Pact, and agreed never to go to war, being a member of the League of Nations, and obtaining strong guarantees under the Covenant, is content with the security afforded. France in a similar position politically, recognises the security thus guaranteed, but is not content. Her history has taught her to be cautious and she is always ready for more evidences of security. A Mediterranean Pact may, in effect, do no more than cover old ground, but it will be a further confirmation, down in black and white, and her wish will be gratified. Thus do we see the present situation, and while it is obviously an unnecessary complication, there is no reason why the delegates should not go ahead when such a

DAY BY DAY.

TRUTH CAN NEVER BE ASCERTAINED WHEN ALL DISCUSSION IS REGULATED BY THOSE WHO HOLD THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT, TO WHOM THE DISCOVERY OF TRUTH IS NOT ALWAYS ACCEPTABLE.—Lord John Russell.

A bankruptcy notification states that a first and final dividend of \$8.50 per cent. has been declared in the case of the Hing Loong Firm, knitting merchants, of 23, Cheung Lok Street, Yaumati.

It is notified that a fourth dividend of \$15 per cent. has been declared as being payable to creditors in the matter of the Hongkong Development, Building and Savings Society, Ltd. (in liquidation).

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to recognise Mr. Harold Shantz as in Charge of the Consulate General of the United States of America in Hongkong.

The name of Dr. George Lee, of 46, Robinson Road, is added to the list of medical practitioners. Dr. Lee, who spent part of his training at St. Thomas' Hospital, is a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons (England) and a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians (London).

The staff and pupils of the Quarry Bay School are holding a Spring Festival on Wednesday April 16, 1930, at 11 a.m. By the courtesy of Mr. K. E. Greig, a launch will be available to convey visitors from Murray Pier to Tai-koo at 10.20 a.m. and this will return from Tai-koo shortly after the end of the Festival. A bus also leaves Blake Pier at 10.20 a.m.

After a long and painful illness the death has occurred at her home, Boulderwood, Woking, of Mrs. Brown, wife of Mr. W. S. Brown, who, until his retirement some few years ago, was for many years secretary of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. The cremation took place at St. John's, Woking, on March 1, and was attended by, among others, a number of Hongkong friends of the deceased lady and her bereaved husband.

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—British Wireless.

"AND SO TO BED."

FINE PERFORMANCE LAST NIGHT.

The Amateur Dramatic Club scored another triumph before a "capacity" house at the Theatre Royal, last night, when they gave another presentation of "And So To Bed." The whole cast, obviously inspired by their earlier successes during the week, gave of their best, and the whole play went with a fine swing. The principals were excellent and made the most of the author's clever and witty lines, whilst the staging and costumes left nothing to be desired. We would draw our readers' attention to the announcement made by the A.D.C. that owing to the great demand for seats for the final performance to-night, arrangements have been made to reserve a further two rows of stalls.

big achievement is contingent. We have always desired the simplicity of a Five-Power Agreement, reducing as well as limiting the world's principal navies, but it is the simple things in this life that are frequently so difficult to obtain.

The Return of Eunice.

By Elinor Slim.

CHAPTER VII (Continued).

Kuttle's plan would do him a bit of good and help to counteract Mrs. Lockhead's distinctly nasty remark. It would give his wife an idea of how he had been spending his time.

Of course it would be quite a wrong idea, but that wouldn't matter so long as no-one gave him away. Just by accident three months before, a catalogue of seeds had arrived at the office from Messrs. Buttons of Reading addressed to his predecessor. Kuttle opened it, as usual, intending to send it on with a note saying "Opened in error" if it was anything personal, and seeing what it was, experienced a great rush of brains to the head. He had an idea.

He knew nothing about flowers except the night-blooming Cereus which a friend had given him years before in part payment of a mess bill, but a reputation for having a safe and respectable middle-aged man's hobby like gardening, would count for a good deal with his wife when she returned.

It would certainly be worth spending ten bob on he thought, so he went through the catalogue and ticked off just a sufficient number of sixpenny packets of seed to make up ten shillings with postage, and sent off the order. The seeds arrived and were planted. They came up, and now Kuttle discovered to his own surprise that after all he was really getting quite interested.

But Eunice could not control her patience any longer and hustled him up the steps to the house. A hasty look round showed that except for fallen plaster from the ceilings the place was intact, but the need for a woman's hand in furnishing the rooms and making them comfortable was obvious.

The sitting room which they entered first had two large basket chairs one on each side of the empty fireplace and five small chairs round a plain deal table.

No cushions, no curtains, no pictures. The only ornaments were a silver framed photograph of Eunice and a Tobacco jar, both on the mantel piece. The photograph was a very flattering one and looked rather too conspicuous. Eunice wondered whether it had been put there specially for her to notice on her arrival. In the bedroom were two small beds and a wardrobe. The whole place was dark and desolate, and Kuttle who was watching the expression on his wife's face saw that she was disappointed and went out quickly. He called from the back verandah "Come and look at the back garden dearest."

In the back garden were the banana palms her husband had written to her about, but the greater part of the space was occupied by a large bare patch surrounded by a bamboo fence. This was evidently where Alphonse, the goat, had been confined. A clothes line stretched between two posts lay flat on the ground and along it were heaps of clothes, now wet and dirty. They did not look like Kuttle's and Eunice wondered whether the washamah had been up to any of the usual tricks and had been running a private laundry, with her husband's materials.

"Do you use much soap in a month?" she asked him. He looked blank. "I mean for washing clothes," she added.

"Search me," he answered, "but never mind that now. Here are the servants." A small group of rather frightened looking Chinese appeared at the top of the staircase. Kuttle introduced them briefly as cook, boy, coolie and washamah. "Where's the gardener?" he asked. "He go looksee his house all right," said the boy, who was spokesman. "Bimeby he come."

"Everyone all right? No man make die?" "Yes, master. All right now." Eunice set them all to work at once clearing up the mess made by the fallen plaster. They were relieved that their master had survived the awful experience of the afternoon, and worked well. Eunice was pleased. It was nice to be in a house of her own again, with servants at her beck and call. She felt settled and as if she really belonged somewhere. This was her home.

But in the bedroom she found Mrs. Lockhead sitting forlornly on one of her boxes. "I should like a cup of tea," the old lady said fretfully. Kuttle came in at that moment. "Yes, so should I. Let's all have a nice cup of tea." So the boy had to be taken away from his job to prepare tea for them, and Eunice's mood of contented activity, or rather contented supervision of other people's activities, gave way to one of irritation. "That was just like a husband, always ready to interrupt," she knew that he did not really want a cup of tea. He was just trying to please old Mrs. Lockhead. "What are we going to do with her?" she while-

pered to him. "Oh, she'll be all right where she is, pro tem," he replied. "I've sent an S.O.S. to Mrs. M'Clusky to see if she can take her over. She's fond of doing the Good Samaritan."

A few minutes later, M'Clusky himself came in to enquire how Kuttle and Mrs. Kuttle had fared, and gave them what little news there was. Not much damage had been done in the town as the buildings were, in the majority of cases, one storey structures, and where they had fallen down, had caused few casualties. The danger had been that fire would break out and spread, and as a matter of fact several small fires had started. Fortunately, the heavy downpour that followed the earthquake had effectively extinguished them.

Otherwise, the damage done and the number of lives lost would have been very much larger. Nothing could have prevented a holocaust, the only fire-fighting appliance in the town being a hand pump presented to the community years before by a wealthy Chinese merchant.

M'Clusky refused tea, but stayed on to wait for his wife who was calling in at the Club before coming to see the new couple.

She was the Chairman of the Club Ladies' Committee and wanted to see how the Club had stood the shock. She took her responsibilities seriously. It appeared from what M'Clusky said that the foreign houses had sustained far more damage than the Chinese, and he had a theory that this was because they were on the hillside and were built on the rock. The Chinese houses on the lower levels were built on clay, and according to him, this clay acted as a buffer and preserved them from the full force of the shock.

Kuttle who knew that M'Clusky was fond of his little theories, cordially agreed, but Mrs. Lockhead who had up till then shown no interest in anybody or anything, immediately contradicted him and said the theory was nonsense.

M'Clusky wisely refused to be drawn into an argument with anyone who had been in China as long as the old lady. He knew that the only thing to do with these old China hands, especially when they are of the gentler sex, is to humour them, so he winked at Kuttle who was opening the wardrobe and said to Mrs. Lockhead, "Yes, I think after all, perhaps you're right." (To be continued next Saturday.)

A BIG JAPANESE FIRE OUTBREAK.

MANY PUBLIC BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

Tokyo, Mar. 28. Approximately 700 buildings, including a Police Station, some Primary Schools, and other public buildings were destroyed by a fire which broke out early this morning at Komatsumachi, in Ishikawa Prefecture.

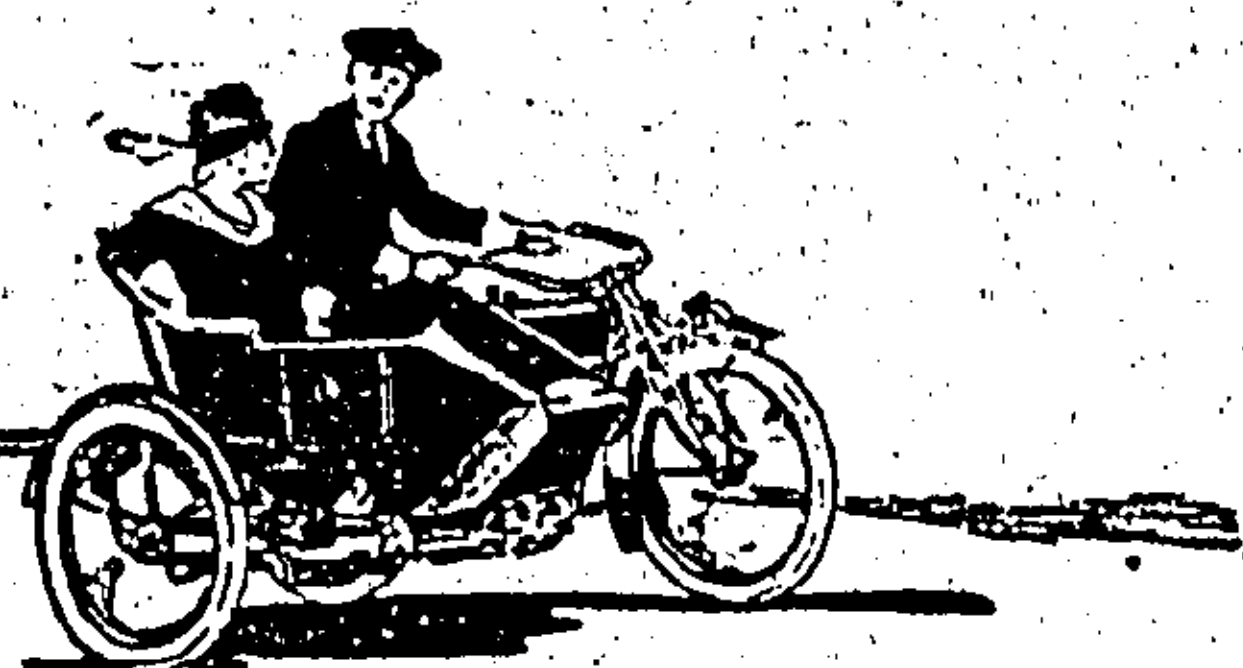
The damage is estimated at a million yen. One fireman was killed and three seriously injured owing to the overturning of a fire engine. The Town Hall is still burning but the fire is now under control.—Reuter.

WHO WAS ZULIEKA DOBSON?

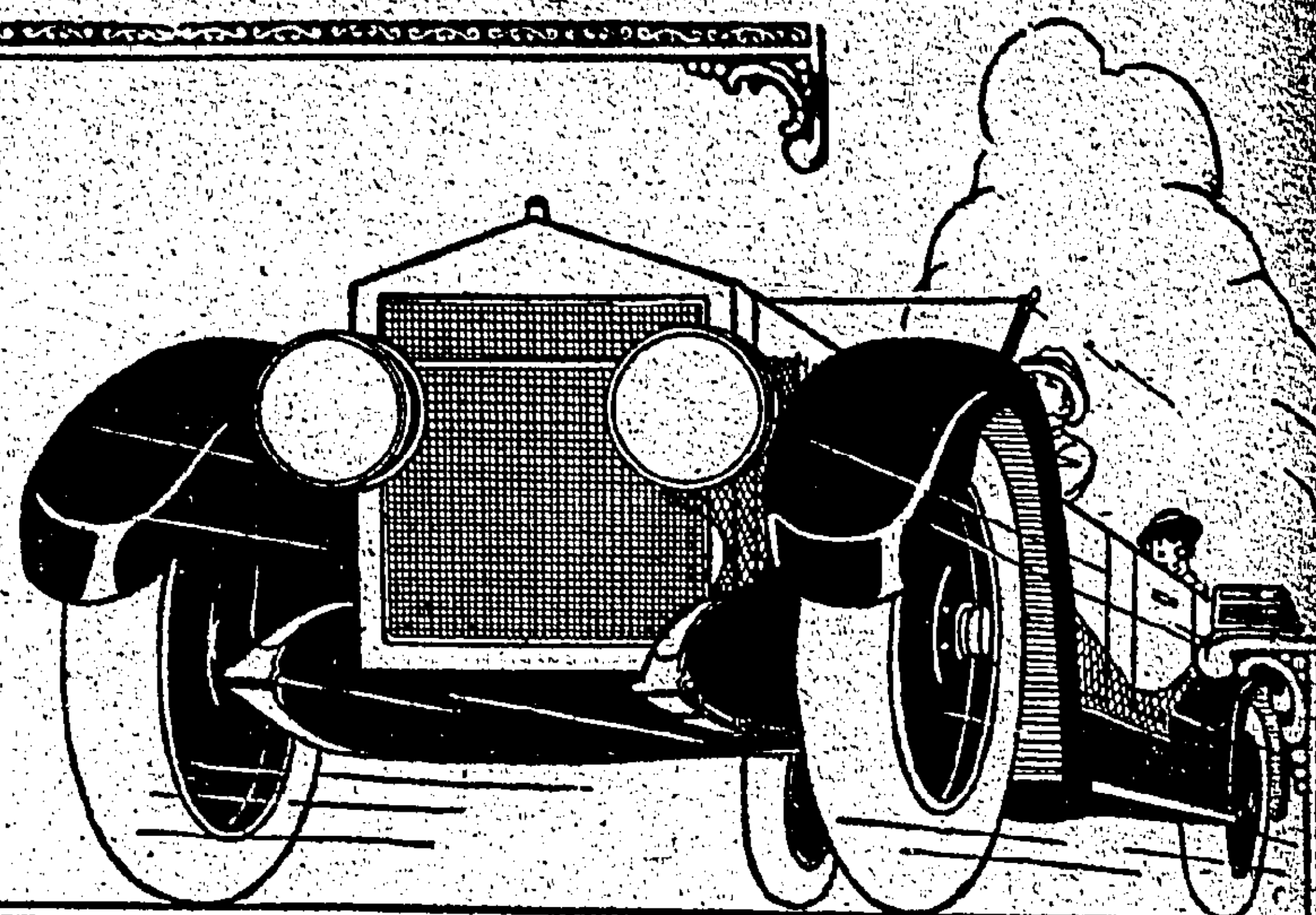
As a critic has remarked, "You all know Miss Dobson, but not personally, or you would not be here now." She is the heroine of Max Beerbohm's superbly-written fantasy which bears her name, a work packed with wit and charm and mythological allusions. Zulieka is a fascinating creature, a fatally fascinating one. The havoc she worked on the impressionable hearts of the youth of Oxford was devastating. Eight weeks saw all the undergraduates except one seeking a watery death in the Isis for unrequited love of her.

Having attended Oxford of its students, Zulieka's next anxiety was for fresh worlds to conquer, and she promptly turned up in Bradshaw at the page marked "Cambridge." Between the two towns there proved to be no direct service, so she ordered a special train to start first thing next morning. Fortunately for Cambridge, it was spared a visitation for the author, intervening at this point, brought the story to a close.

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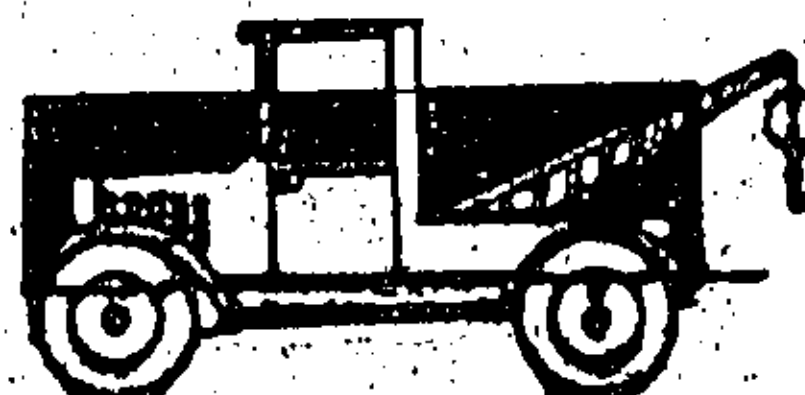
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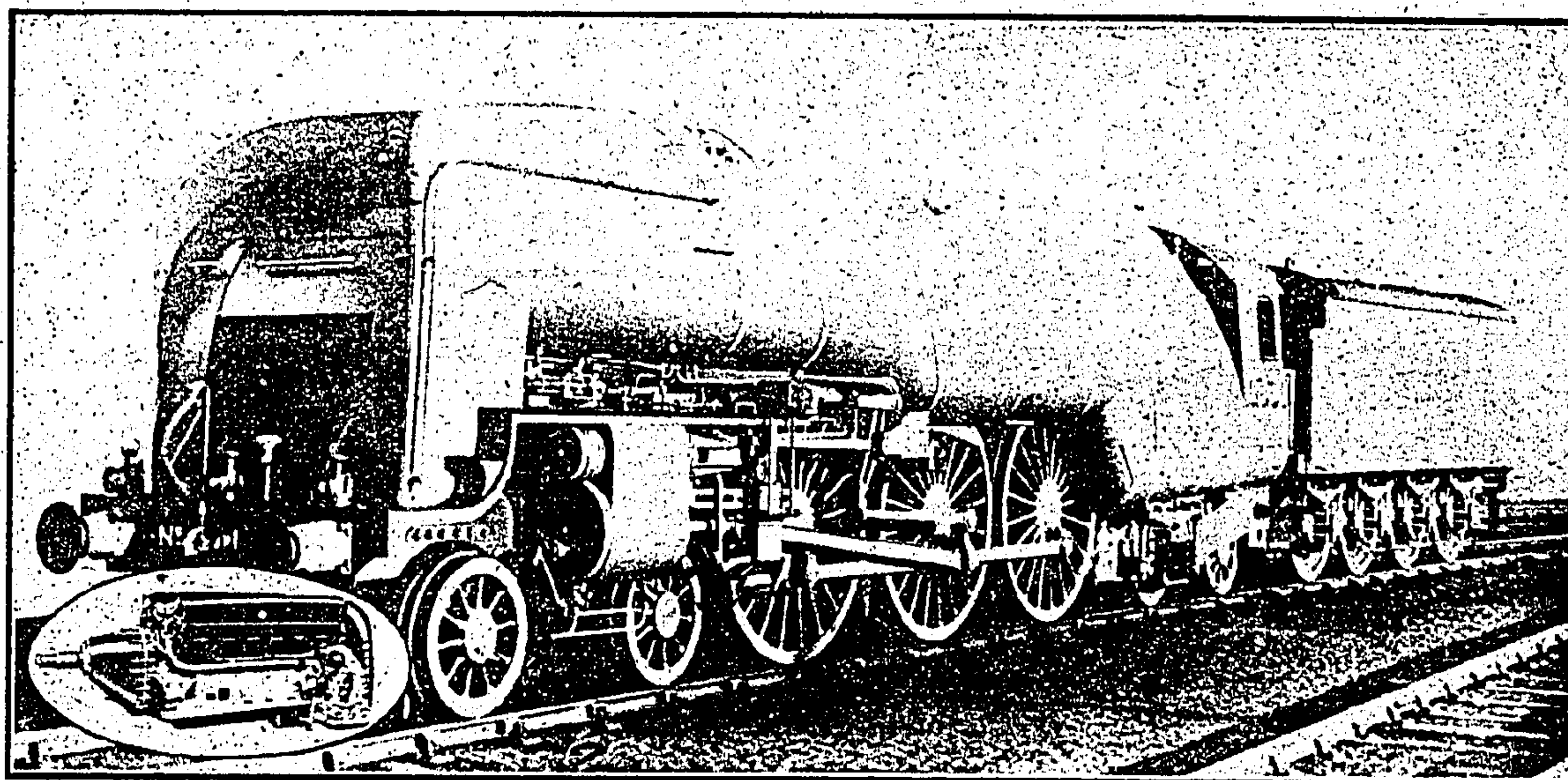


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PRE-EMINENCE OF BRITISH AIRPLANE ENGINES.



The occasion last week of the arrival by air at Hongkong of Mr. Van Lear Black, a wealthy American newspaperman, served as an opportunity for his chief pilot, Mr. J. B. Scholter, to make some critical remarks to a local reporter about British Air Services. The above photograph (exclusive to the Hongkong Telegraph) comes at an opportune moment, giving as it does, ample indication of the pre-eminence of British airplane engine construction.

The picture shows a Rolls-Royce aero engine, such as won the Schneider Trophy Race in 1929, compared with the latest express engine of the London and North Eastern Railway. Although the horse-power developed in each case is approximately the same, over 1,900 h.p., the locomotive is no less than 200 hundred times as heavy as the aero engine, which has the truly remarkable power weight ratio of 0.805 lb. weight per h.p. (under one lb.).

	Aero Engine	L.N.E.R. Locomotive.
Length	30 inches.	75 ft. 3 ins.
Width	30 "	9 ft.
Weight	1,530 lbs.	166 tons

Although the enormous speed of 357.7 m.p.h. was obtained during the seaplane's attack on the world's record, the engine was not run under the best conditions for maximum speed and the propeller used was not able to absorb the full power of the engine. Had this been possible, it is considered that even higher speeds could have been obtained. The Supermarine seaplane and its "R" engine, however, are short-ly to be used again for high speed flights, when further startling results should be obtained.

CURRENT COMMENT

Road Improvement.

Useful work is being carried out along Queen's Road, Central, where the side-channels are being raised in order to give a wider traffic space. The old channels are a legacy of old times when the ricksha and chair formed the ordinary means of conveyance, but with the ever increasing motor traffic through this busy route, it has been found advisable to widen the road by this means. A very great improvement is being effected, and Queen's road has now been treated in a similar manner to other less frequented thoroughfares which were modernised some considerable time ago.

Baby Cars.

There is still a very considerable demand for "baby" cars, and it is indeed unlikely that they will ever lose the great popularity won. In Hongkong they are especially useful, and it is probable that many owners of larger vehicles will provide themselves with one of the smaller types for use during business hours. The famous little Austin "Seven" has proved a wonderful little vehicle in the Colony, and the value is reflected in the high prices secured for second-hand cars. Another British small car is to make its appearance shortly, and that too, the well-known little "Jowett," is sure to live up to the good name it has created in Europe. The first of these are due to arrive in the Colony on April 17th.

400 Thornycrofts.

One of the most interesting orders received this year for Thornycroft vehicles has been placed by a foreign railway company for a fleet of the latest types of six-wheelers.

This Company has been much impressed by the possibilities for the commercial development of districts beyond their railway lines by the provision of road motor transport operated in conjunction with their railway services.

CORROSION STOPPED.

Aluminium Protector.

One of the disadvantages of using aluminium for engine and car parts, and specially for marine work, is its susceptibility to corrosion. A method of protecting aluminium and other magnesium alloys has been devised by an Englishman.

The metal to be treated is immersed in a bath of chemicals without electrical current, as in plating. By this method, known as the Panalumin process, metallic compounds penetrate the surface of the alloy, and combine with it so that the coating is not detachable. The treatment is said to be inexpensive.

CONQUERING 'BUSES.

The tramway systems in Gosport (Hampshire) and Burton-on-Trent (Staffordshire) closed down recently and were replaced by 'buses.

The outstanding example of this is, of course, that of the Union of South African Railways which acquired a fleet of Thornycroft vehicles some five years ago and have repeatedly added to them until to-day they are operating some 400 four- and six-wheeled Thornycrofts, equipped with special bodies accommodating both passengers and freight and operating regularly on routes which now total over 10,000 miles annually.

Motor Buses.

Motor buses have certainly proved their worth in Hongkong, and the public is well served both on the island and over on the Mainland. Regular travellers on the Hongkong side will be interested to know that the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., have decided to issue interchangeable season tickets for the Tai Hang-Kennedy Town and University routes. The new scheme comes into effect as from April 1st.

BIGGEST BUYER.

Australia's Position.

U.S. NOVEMBER EXPORTS.

Last November Australia bought 1,570 cars from America and filled the first place in the U.S. export market list.

Argentina, a close second, absorbed 1,502, while Mexico, always a big buyer, came third with 1,299. British India is also in the list of countries whose purchase of cars ran into four figures, as 1,101 cars found a sale there.

This is a big step up for Australia, for, in the previous month, she filled third place. Argentina also purchased more cars and was only in fourth place in October. A drop of nearly a thousand explains the position held by Mexico in November as in the previous month she was the second biggest car buyer.

That the demand for American cars is still existing in England is shown by the import of 563 cars while New Zealand imported 435.

Australia was also the most important market for American trucks in November, with 2,980 trucks, or nearly three times the number shipped during the previous month. Argentina, the leading truck market during October was second in importance in November and bought 1,076, while British India with 1,012 trucks was in third place. The United Kingdom absorbed 892.

ROAD LEADER.

New Jersey, with 8,148 miles of surfaced and 7,063 miles of unsurfaced roads, has more miles of improved roads per capita than any other state in the country.

PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS.

It is probable that the "push button" traffic signals, operated by pedestrians, will be tried in London. They were first introduced in Manchester.

AUSTIN FEAT.

60 M.P.H. on Dirt Track.

SIX HOURS' RUNNING.

On a dirt track of only a mile and a quarter circumference at Auckland in New Zealand, a British Austin Seven recently put up an amazing record by averaging a speed of 60 m.p.h. for six hours. The car, a supercharged model of the same design as raced by the Austin Motor Co. in the 1923 Dublin Grand Prix and the Ulster T.T., stood up perfectly to the gruelling conditions.

Phil Seabrook and R. Grierson piloted the little car to this remarkable victory.

Despite the fact that the Austin Seven has secured over a thousand victories on road and track since it was introduced to the public some seven or eight years ago, this latest achievement must be conceded to be at least among the most brilliant of Austin performances. To maintain such a speed on a tiny unbanked track will seem incredible to those with any experience of dirt track driving. Phil Seabrook is very well known in motoring circles in New Zealand, and this is not the first occasion upon which he has distinguished himself.

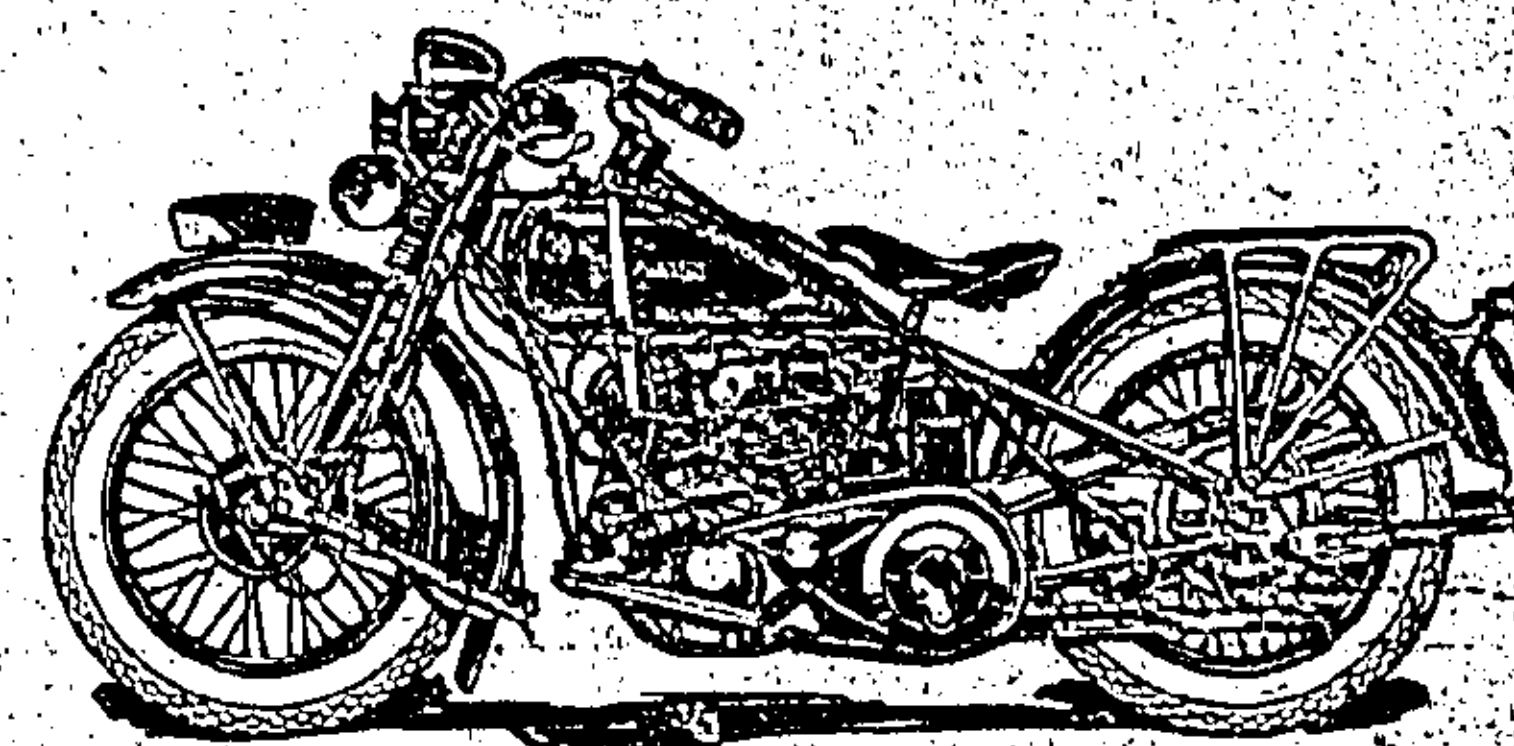
SUPER BALLOONS.

New Aircraft Tyres.

The latest development in tyres for aircraft is being tested by the Goodyear Tyre Company, in California. The tyres are known as air wheels, and are built on to the wheels. They are tough, very big, and inflated at a low pressure.

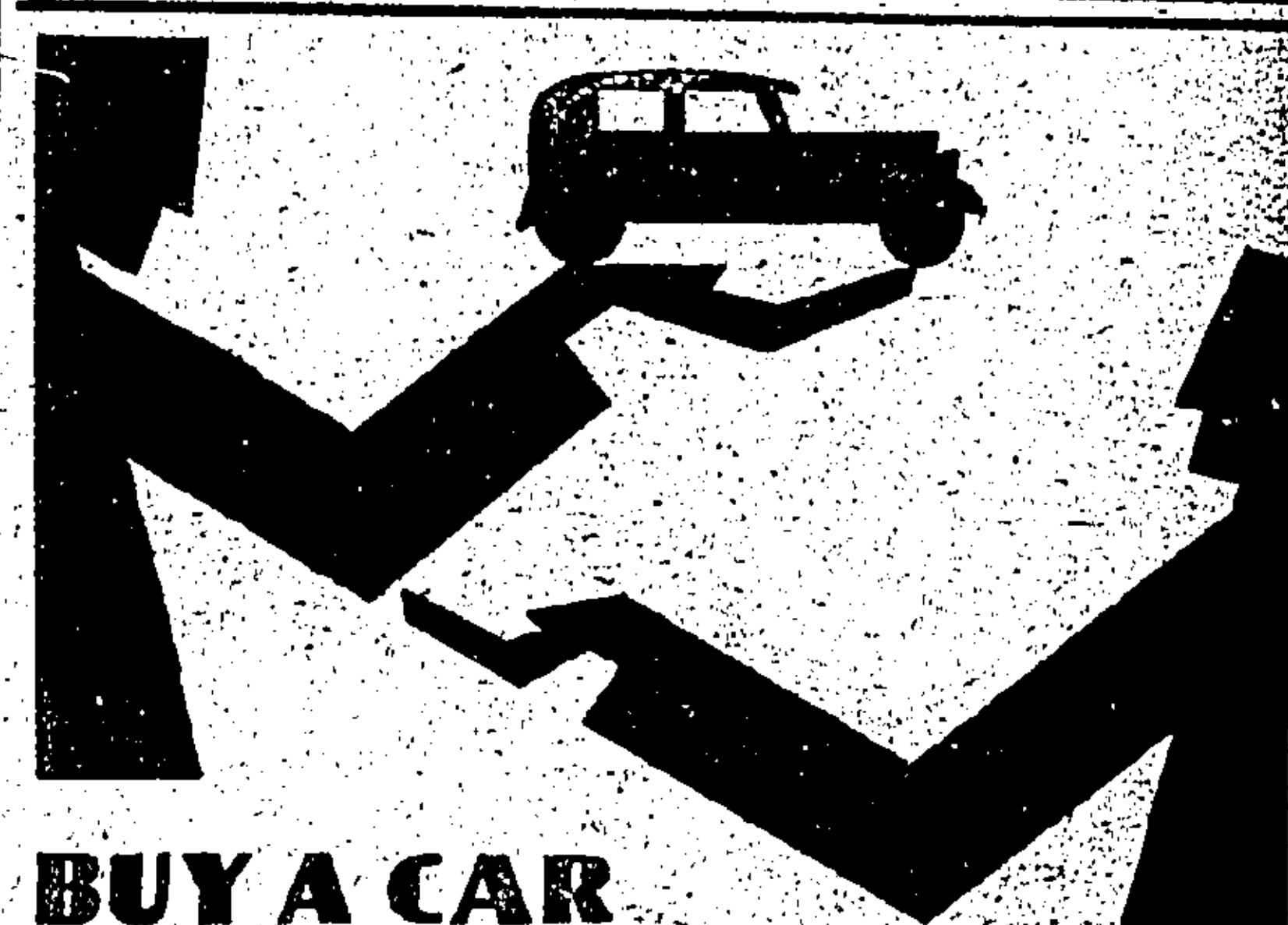
In action they are a sort of rolling cushion, which turn smoothly without bouncing until the plane takes off. Aircraft equipped with the air-wheels are said to be able to land on soft ground, snow or swamps, and they prevent the violent rebounds of a bad landing.

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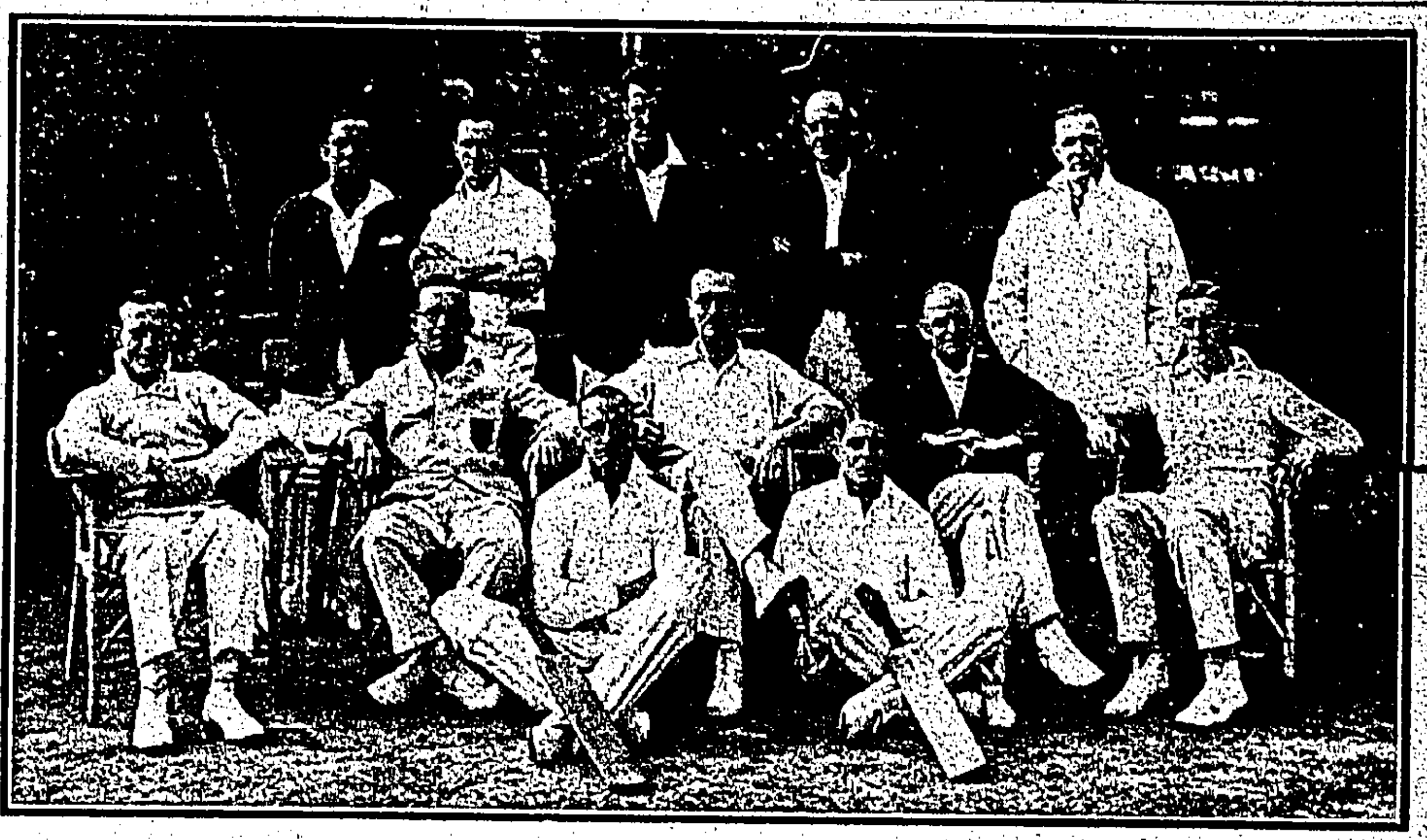
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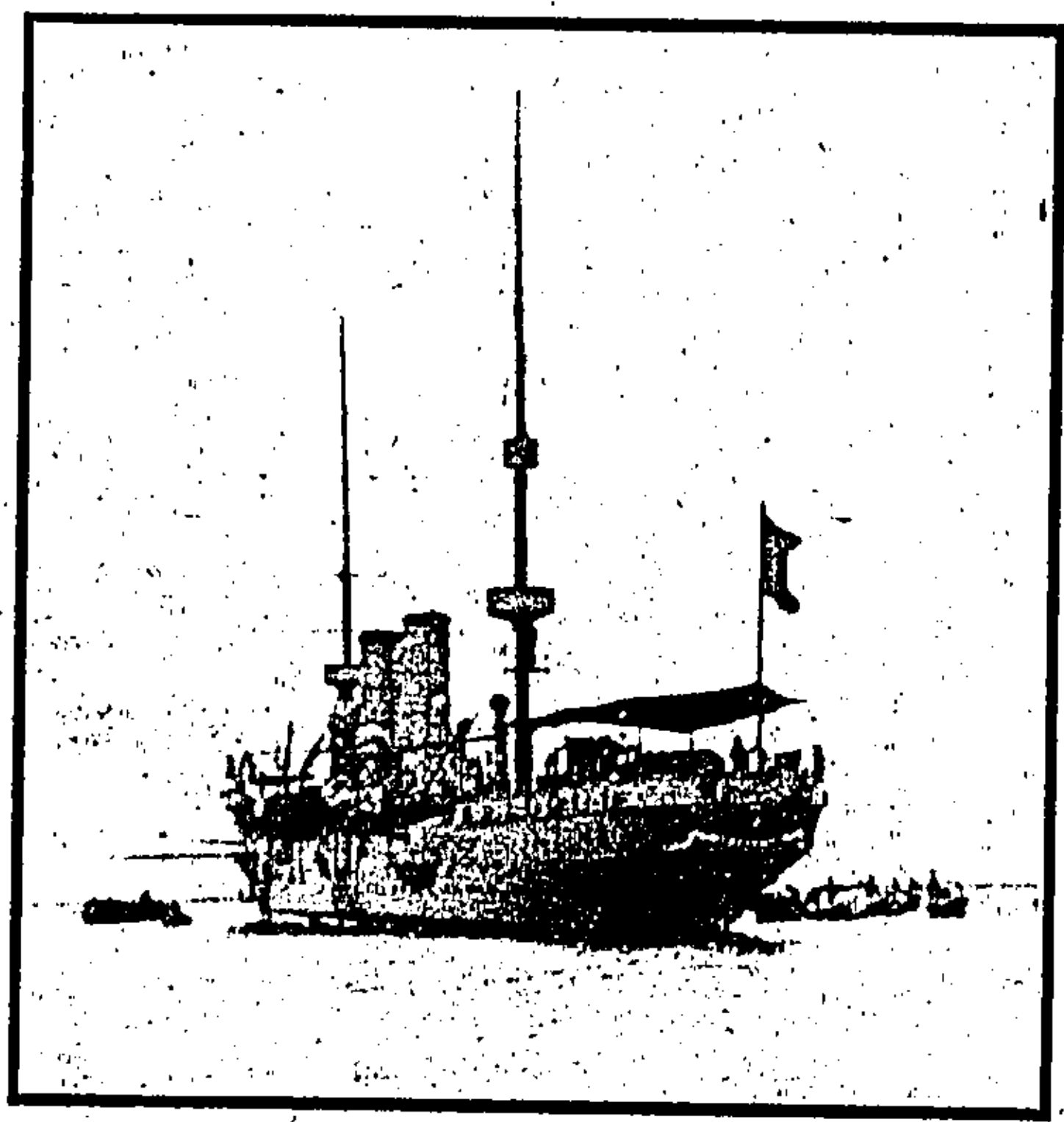
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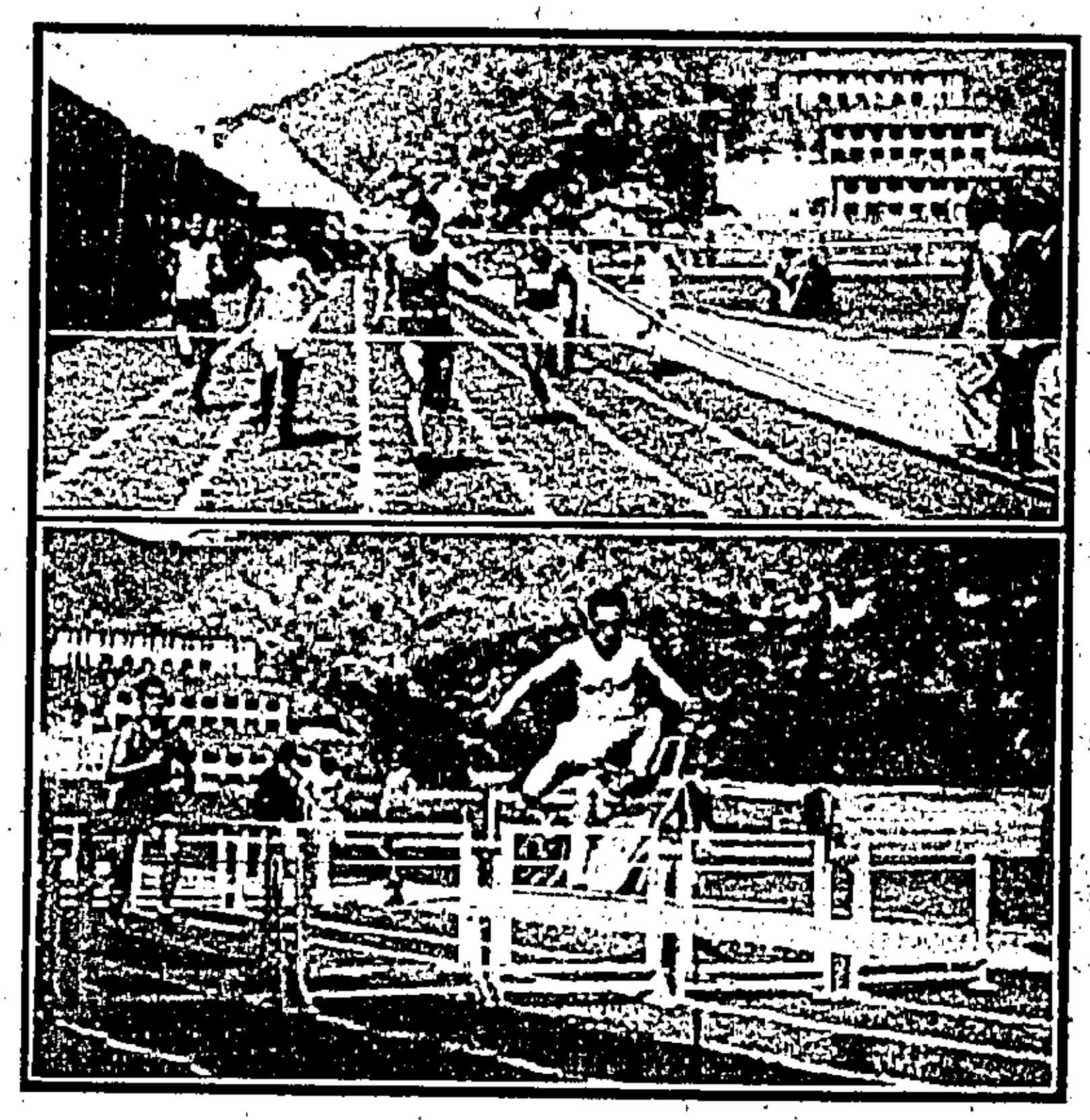
Here are seen the football teams representing China and Scotland which met on Saturday in the final of the "Sunday Herald" International Competition. The Chinese secured an easy victory, winning by five goals to nil. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



The cricket team which represented Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., in their match against Craignower last Saturday. Craignower won by five wickets. For the losers, S. J. Jordain (seated in centre) made the highest score, knocking up 40 runs. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



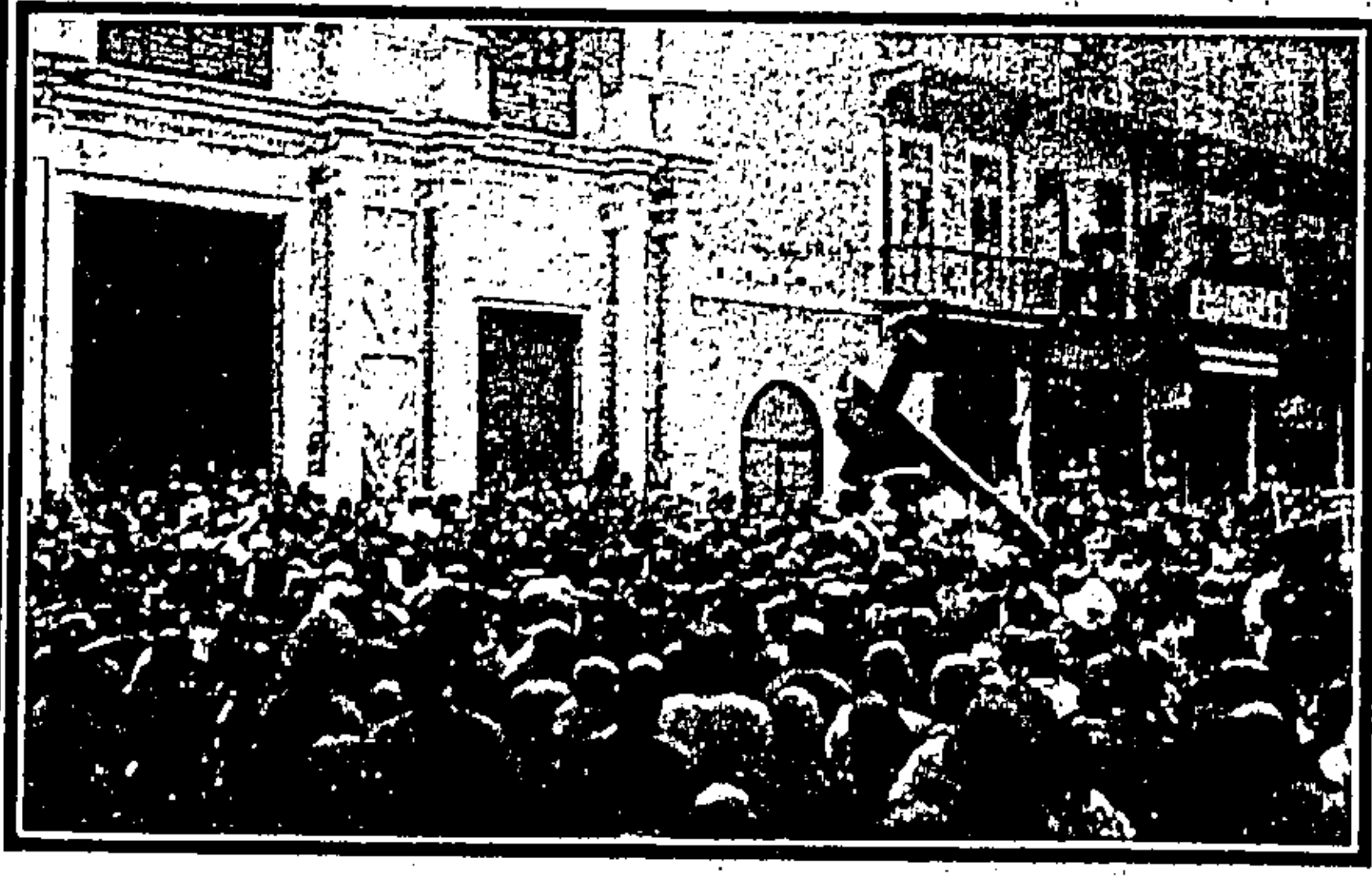
The Portuguese cruiser Adamastor, which has been on a visit to Hongkong. She is shown lying in the new port at Macao.



Two good action pictures of St. Paul's College sports, held on Thursday of last week. Top, the finish of a sprint; bottom, the hurdles race in progress. (Photos: Mee Cheung).



Two more photographs taken at Paul's College sports. On left, Mrs. A. D. Stewart, who presented the prizes, receiving a bouquet from Chan King-chor; right, a good snapshot of the high jump. (Photos: Mee Cheung).



These pictures show the Procession of the Cross, held on the first Sunday in Lent at Macao. On the right, a good idea is given of the huge crowds which participated in and witnessed the procession.



This photograph was taken on the occasion of a farewell party given by students of Ricci Hall, in honour of the Rev. Father Byrne, who is seen seated seventh from left, with Professor C. Middleton Smith on his right. (Photo: A. Fong).



"ZBW" Calling! Miss Wong, the Chinese announcer, in the studio control room of the Hongkong broadcasting station, is seen at work during the transmission of items for Chinese listeners-in.



Scenes from the A.D.C. production of "And So To Bed." Top left, Charles II (Mr. C. P. Marcel) and Mrs. Knight (Mrs. Johnston); top, the supper scene showing Pepys (Mr. W. A. Hannibal); second from left, arriving home after his escapade at Mrs. Knight's flat; bottom, Mrs. Pepys (Mrs. Fay Grossman), fourth from left, introducing herself. (Photos: Ming Yuen Studio).

CHANNEL TUNNEL SCHEME. FRENCH INVENTOR FAVOURS GIANTS TUBE.

Several interruptions this winter in boat and airplane services between the Continent and the British Isles by storms and violent gales have caused renewed agitation for a tunnel or some sort of submarine passageway linking the two coasts.

The French press is practically unanimous in favour of a channel road, and it has strong support in England, as evidenced by the report of a special Committee which has just been issued. French engineers are inclined to ridicule the fears of invasion held by certain English politicians. The French maintain that in case of war the tunnel could be wrecked from either shore and the British Navy would be robbed of none of its supreme importance.

The latest French idea is to link the two shores with a submarine tube, semi-submerged. This is the scheme of Prevost de Saint-Cyr, famous inventor and engineer, who claims he has worked out several important departures from previous methods in marine engineering which make it entirely feasible.

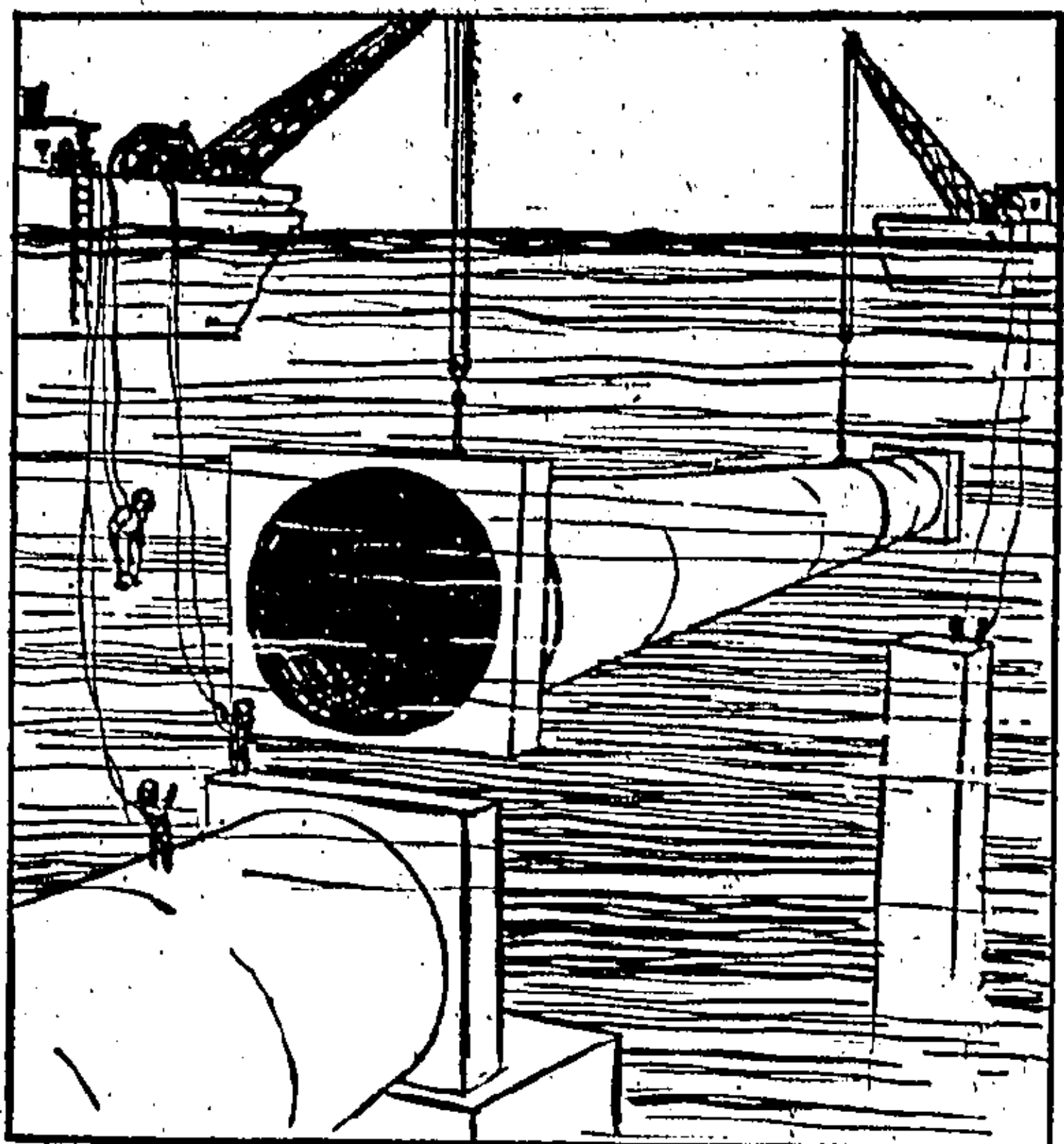
Build Tube on Land.

Saint-Cyr's submerged tube would be constructed on land and put into place from the surface of the water. All that would then remain would be to build the railroad tracks in the tube.

On the other hand, the tunnel method has many supporters, but its critics say it would be impracticable because, first, the cost would be prohibitive and, second, the infiltration would make draining of the tunnel impossible, even if engineering economies made it possible.

Saint-Cyr maintains that his scheme solves all the difficulties of the tunnel. His tube would be of reinforced concrete, resting on stone pillars on either shore, and on supports that would be sunk to the channel bottom. It would be submerged to a depth of about 60 feet, leaving ample space above for navigation to pass over it and the space beneath to allow the flow of ocean currents.

Such a tube would be constructed in sections at least 300 metres long and would be of reinforced concrete. When completed ashore they would be hermetically sealed, and the sections floated to their positions above the pillars already built.



Here's the way Prevost de Saint-Cyr, French inventor, proposes to construct the trans-channel tube for rail traffic. Sections would be built on shore, towed into position and then sunk to rest on piers 60 feet below the surface. Divers operating from barges would join the sections together, after which the water could be pumped out.

Building Actually Begun.

In the early '80's, construction work actually was undertaken. British and French railways formed channel tunnel companies and started to dig from opposite sides, expecting to join in the middle. The French company's building at Sangatte, near Calais, still stands. They found that digging in the chalk under-sea bed was quite easy, but such strong political pressure was brought against the English company that work had to be stopped.

Ever since then, political pressure has stood in the way of any actual development and until this can be swept away nothing will be done.

The French always have been most forward with the channel tunnel idea. The first definite plan is believed to have been put forward in 1892 by a French engineer named Mathieu, who thought that it would make stage traffic possible between France and England. Other French engineers followed and during the 19th century soundings were made to discover the best route.

The channel at its narrowest point is 20 miles wide. During the winter months fog, heavy seas and storms frequently make the crossing by boat very disagreeable, sometimes impossible.

AT TINTAGEL. Some Thoughts at King Arthur's Castle.

I have all my life thought of Tintagel as one of those places which no man should see. For eight hundred years the story of that King who rides down history on a harpstring has soaked itself into the imagination of English people, Charlemagne for France; Arthur for England. The story grew here. On this grey rock above the sea, Uther Pendragon took that lovely queen, Igerne; and so began the story that ran through medieval Europe challenging the imagination of poet and writer, gathering strength and beauty, to break at last in the splendid climax of the "Grail" Music.

Tintagel! To thousands of English people those syllables go clothed in grandeur.

The sun was sinking seawards as I climbed a rocky gorge and came to the most desolate little valley, I think, in all the wild West Country. The sides of the cliffs were scarred with grey splintered slate; halfway the rocks approach each other to form a kind of gate; at the end of the valley is a little bay, the sea foaming over a grey pebble beach and running through a cavern called "Merlin's Cave."

It seems as though a great sword has split this valley in two; on one side, perched high, is the tiny village of Tintagel; on the other side covered in grass, wrecked by a landslide, are fragments of an ancient wall known to legend as King Arthur's Castle of Tintagel. The key is kept in a cottage among lemonade bottles.

"No, please, sir," said a little old woman who uses the word "please" unexpectedly. "Please, it's too late for you to go up to the Castle to-night, please. But if you promise not to be long, please, I'll give you the key."

I began to climb steep, winding steps cut in the face of the rock. The waves boomed below in "Merlin's Cave," the seagulls flew crying, and in my hand was the key of Tintagel.

Think of that. What a moment! In my hand was the key of Tintagel!

As a ruin Tintagel is the most disappointing castle in England. A wall that is several centuries later than King Arthur runs its crazy course on the cliff edge.

It is indescribably remote, thrust up out of a grey sea towards the sky, with the jagged peaks of lesser rocks lifted like spears below it, and all around it the hiss and whisper of the sea. Birds rose from the grass before me as I walked; rabbits scuttled away to dive into burrows in which—who knows?—may lie some fragment of a sword.

A disappointing ruin, but a great experience. As I climbed the rocks and looked over the gaunt cliffs I seemed to come nearer, not to the gentlemanly knights of Tennyson or the paladins of Malory, but to the rough chieftains of history from which the epic sprang. I saw Arthur stripped of the spell, with no Excalibur, but only a common spear, and the sun of Rome sinking into a sea of troubles on which the fortunes of England were to set their sails. How difficult it is to visualize Arthur as a half-Roman knight.

Tintagel is haunted. It is haunted not by Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, but by that moment in our lives when imagination caught fire and blazed. The ghosts on this rock are the great army of Englishmen and English women who in their youth believed in Excalibur and wept in sorrow beside that mere as the three hooded queens came in their barge with a crying that "shivered to the tingling stars" to bear the king to Avilion.

I slithered down the rock steps and gave up the key of Tintagel to the little old lady.

At night, with the moon falling over the tumbled walls, Tintagel seems more dead than ever: the ruins of Egypt leap to life in moonlight, so do many of our castles and abbeys; but Tintagel is to be found only within the covers of a book.

And I thought, as I looked down on it from the other side of the valley, saw the thin line of light run around the walls picking out a gateway here and a crumbled corner there, that most of us have belonged to that Round Table—so many of us, in fact, that if Arthur came back to give us youth again and called us out to joyous adventure he would have an army great enough to ride from Camelot to the conquest of the earth.—H. V. Morton, in "In Search of England."



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Our picture shows elephants in a peaceful setting at a water hole, with one of the totos (youngsters) undergoing a compulsory bath. Mr. Marcuswell Maxwell, who was accompanied by Captain C. Palmer-Kerrison, secured a series of such photographs in Kenya without a shot being fired. (Times copyright.)

Fashion's Pendulum Swings To New Extremes

Styles now insist on every touch that has been denied women in years of boyishness



I. a large bow of cherry red adds the necessary splash of color to this gown of white flat crepe which Bernard and Cie have created for the debutante.



II. this ensemble from Bernard and Cie uses black crepe. Sokol in both the coat and the dress.



III. Bernard and Cie are responsible for this beige tweed suit with its fashionable three-quarter length coat.

A SOPHISTICATE by day, and a goddess by night, is the program for the 1930 belle.

The same capricious fashion that made it smart to eliminate the frills and furbelows and look chic at the expense of the picturesque and lovely for several seasons back has now completely changed her tactics, and is returning everything she has denied women for the past decade.

It is now smart to be pretty, and to show that you are making an effort to be. The figure is graceful and rounded, instead of straight and angular. The coiffure is infinitely more feminine and flatter, and little flirtatious curls are appearing at strategic positions.

The pink and white complexion is challenging suntan, and white shoulders are very desirable again, with the directoire idea revived. Shapely arms, too, are a decided asset with the new puff sleeves, and the shorter lengths for day.

TRAINS, for evening, have restored the old elegance and the glamour to the ballroom, and have caused women to give a thought to what was once known as a "superb carriage."

Day clothes are a triumph of sophistication and chic. They achieve both the modern and the picturesque, and they know how at once to be practical and romantic.

Here are a few fashion points to remember:

Gray is one of the smartest of colors for day and evening attire, shading into the warm shades of pink and mauve, and it is being combined most effectively with stronger colors. Gray, as you know, is a most feminine and dovelike color, and is in line with the present sartorial program.

Capes, long and short, are very much featured. The postillion line is very popular. The smartest suits show the suggestion of a cape, sometimes just over the sleeves, and sometimes showing a deep back cape, but always with the line kept slender and graceful.

WITH sleeveless outfits for sport, there are often capes of matching material, that relieve the abruptness of the sleeveless line when the wearer is not actively engaged in sports.

Embroidery is staging a great comeback. Tailored crepes for day wear are relieved of their severity with colorful applique, and evening dresses show all-over patterns on chiffon and crepe.

Every frock makes some concession to femininity at the neckline, usually with

lingerie touches, or with scarf or ribbon bow effects. The old unadorned plainness has completely vanished.

Illustrated today are some of the latest inspirations from Paris for day and evening.

I. THIS new Bernard and Cie goddess gown is appropriate for modern Dianas. The material is white flat crepe, cut long all round, with one fold of material making a train on one side. A splashy bow of cherry-red satin gives a gorgeous touch of color at the waistline, and brings the costume down from the clouds and to the earth. It positively glorifies the debutante.

II. BERNARD AND CIE are presenting an ensemble for formal wear, in black crepe with an original vest effect in finely pleated white georgette crepe and large white buttons. The black tie, falling over the white, is very stunning and quite unusual.

III. BERNARD AND CIE are also responsible for the smart tweed ensemble for city wear which features a three-quarter length jacket and pleated skirt of beige mixture, and a tuckin blouse of white shantung with a scalloped front and knotted tie.

IV. THIS evening gown, which is cut with classic simplicity with Patou's marvelous skill, is developed in dahlia-colored chiffon. It features the long back and front and the short sides. The recently discovered waistline is emphasized by a belt and a tailored bow directly in front.

V. PATOU has created this handsome evening ensemble which combines delicate and very lightweight lame cloth with regal sable. The line of the gown is simple, but extremely subtle; molded at the waistline, and full and deeply scalloped at the hemline. The three-quarter length coat features the cape back, and the small, upstanding collar.

VI. A TYPICAL street frock from Bernard, which is as severe as the season permits, and yet is a model of softness and grace, is made of fairly deep brown crepe de chine with an intricate vest and panel of a brown of lighter shade, with coinspots of white.

It is a new whim of fashion to offset brown this season with white, instead of the beige shades that have been considered so appropriate.



V. simple, form-fitting lines are featured in this handsome evening ensemble of gold lame which Jean Patou has designed.



VI. dark brown crepe de chine forms the basis for this mid-season model from Bernard and Cie. The vest and panel choose a lighter brown crepe with a white polka dot design.



IV. Jean Patou has cut this dress of dahlia chiffon with longer back and front... a belt marks the waistline.

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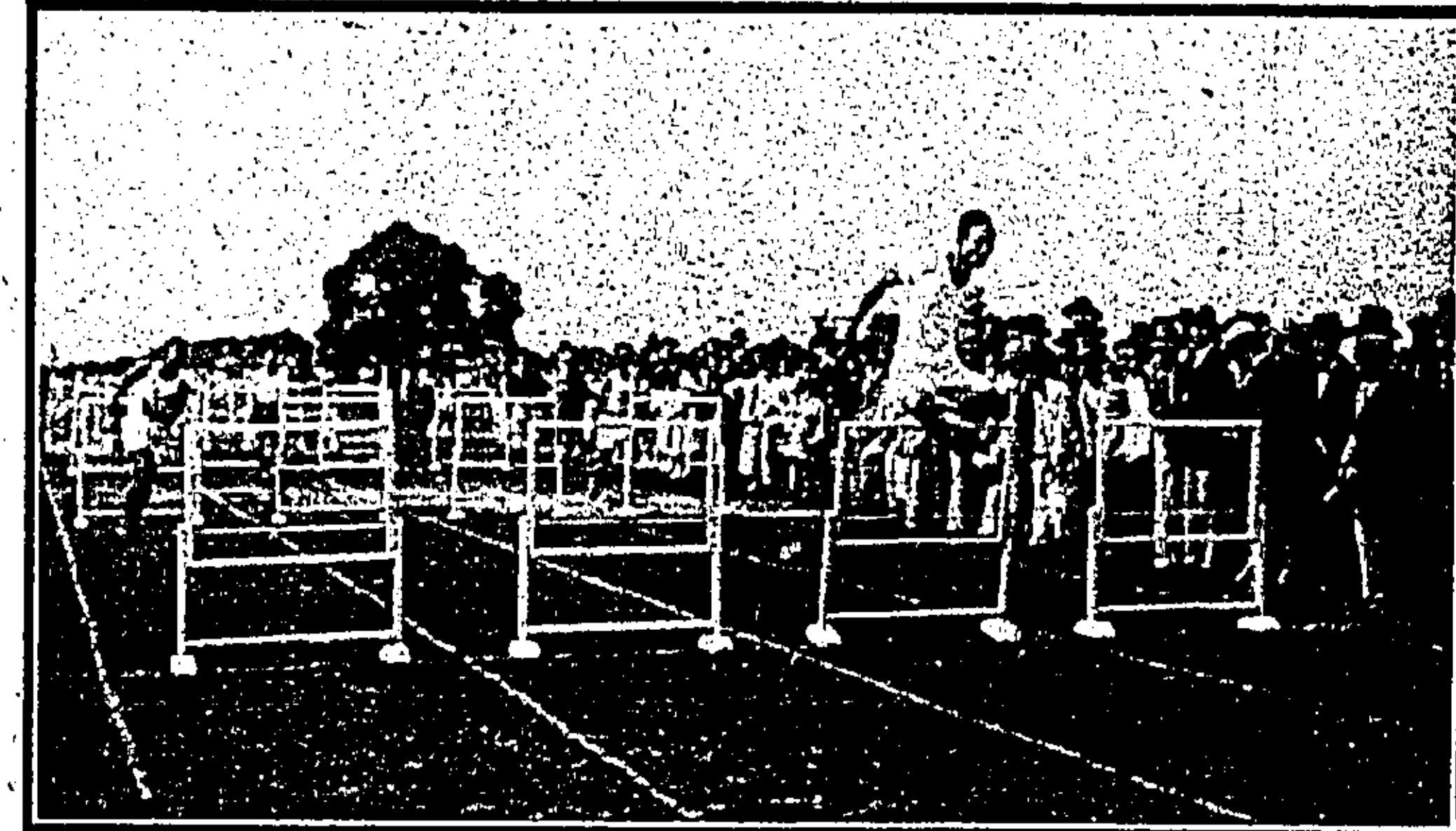
Misses E. Carroll (left) and Violet Bradbury, as they appeared in the Peasant Dance at the French Convent school prize distribution last week.



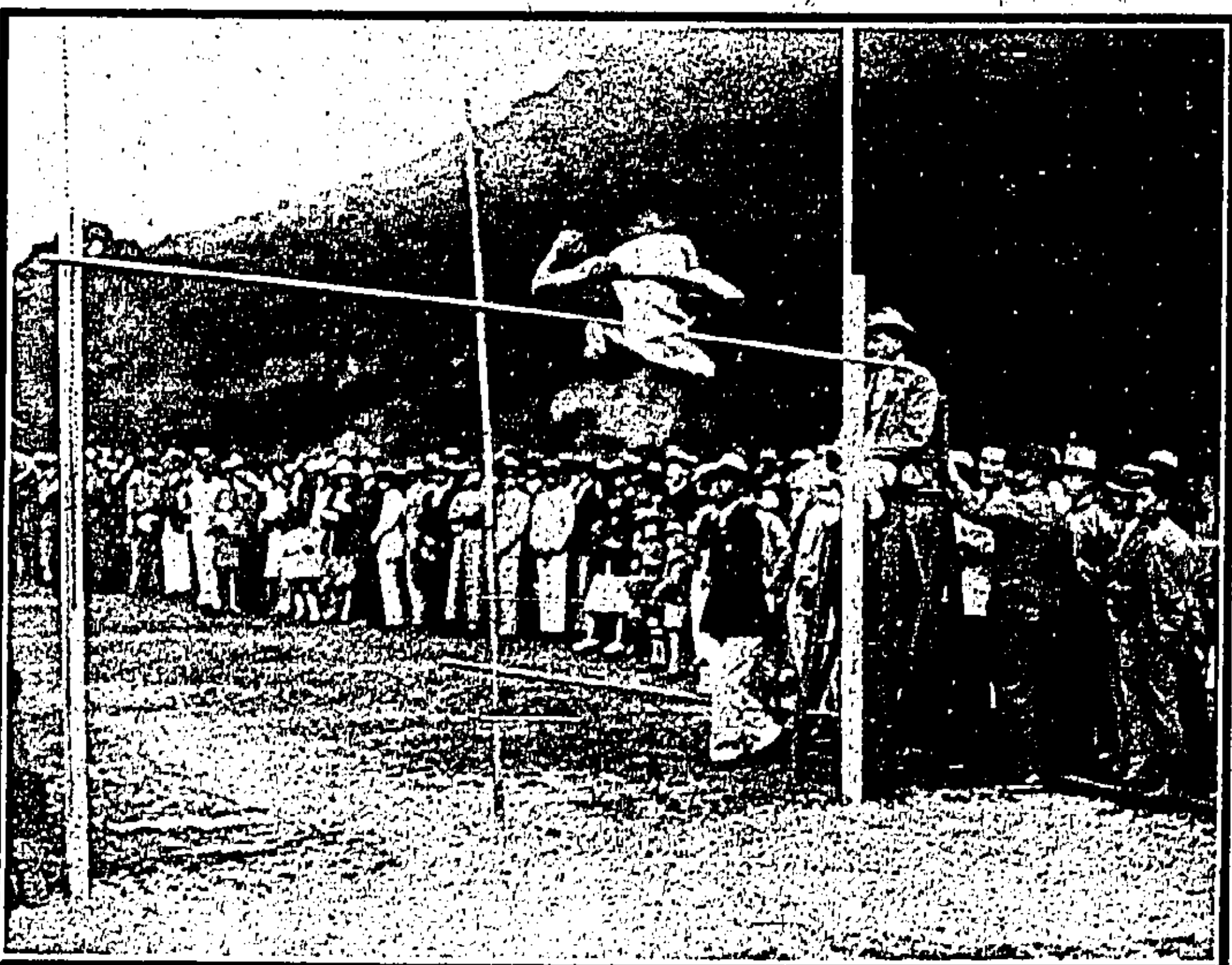
This group depicts "The Ambulance Maids," who figured in a display given at the distribution of prizes at the French Convent, Causeway Bay, on Friday of last week.



Photo shows the crew from the Indo-China S.N. Company's s.s. Mausang, with Mr. Goddard in charge, which won the Trevesa Cup last week. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Great interest was taken in the hurdles race at the University sports at Pokfulam last Saturday. Photo shows the event in progress. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



An excellent snapshot of the pole jump taken during the Hongkong University sports at Pokfulam last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



A mid-field tussle for the ball during the final for the Caer Clark hockey cup between Hongkong and Kowloon ladies last Saturday. The Hongkong team secured the victory.



Lady graduates at the Hongkong University are here seen in a race at the University sports last Saturday. Miss A. Wood was the winner. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



Mrs. Dunbar leading in Lobster Bay (Mr. Soares up), winner of the Mount Davis Stakes last Saturday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Mr. Ho Korn-tong leading in President Hall (Mr. da Roza up), winner of the First Aggregate Stakes last Saturday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



A good action picture of putting the shot, taken at the University sports, held last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).

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Paris, Feb. 18.—American automobiles will practically be driven off the roads of France if two bills now before the Chamber of Deputies become law. They call for increased tariffs that will completely jam the growing traffic of American cars here.

Both bills are government measures and stand an excellent chance of being passed unless the protests of American automobile companies bring modifications, or threats of a widespread tariff quarrel between the two countries convince political circles that the throttling of one American industry will sharply react unfavourably to France.

The first bill to be filed calls for raises of from 40 to 150 per cent. on the duties of all automobile parts imported into France. The

second bill, directed against foreign automobiles assembled abroad and brought into the country complete, stipulates increases in duties from 50 to 100 per cent. To meet these increases it would seem impossible for American firms to do business here.

The present duty on finished cars imported into France is 60 per cent. The 90 per cent. increase envisaged would bring the duty to the prohibitive figure of 114 per cent. This means that an American, or other foreign car which cost \$2000 at home would pay a duty alone of \$2280 for coming into France. With transportation charges and other taxes, the cost of the car delivered here would be at least \$5000, which would prohibit sound business.

Suspect International Combine.

It is believed that the French action in proposing to increase duties on imported cars is linked with an international move, comprising Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and Italy, as well as France, to protect national automobile industries against the invasion of American cars. This movement has been organized by the federations of automobile manufacturers of these countries during the past few months and is designed to encourage protective measures in conformity with the commercial treaties of each country. While Germany aims to establish a yearly quota for imported cars, France would seem to be adopting the tariff system of protection.

A study of the bill raising duties on imported parts reveals that the duty on Ford motors would be boosted more than three times and that increase in parts on Chevrolets and Buicks, the chief exports of the General Motors Corporation, would range from twice to three times the present rate. The change is based on a specific or weight, rather than an ad valorem duty, which now is in force.

Ford and General Motors, the two American concerns affected most vitally by the new duties, have issued a joint protest. Taking as a basis the 17,000-odd American automobiles imported or assembled in France and Algeria during 1929, a valuation on them is placed at 637,500,000 francs. Of this sum a gross revenue of 406,000,000 francs goes to France, approximately two thirds of the total. Considering the American car in France as a single unit, each machine brings 14,290 francs in taxes to the French government, as against 4526 for each French car, or a total loss to the treasury for one year of 165,938,000 francs.

Workers Would be Losers.

Workmen numbering 11,375 are now employed in American motor plants in France, which would be forced to close down if the new bills are passed. Unemployment and financial loss to workers would result.

Officials of all American automobile companies interested in the French trade have prepared memorandums aimed to arouse French opinion through an economic appeal and thereby block the bills. They point out that France would lose heavily in taxes and other fees if the bills are passed. More than 100,000 French owners of American cars would be compelled to pay enormously for spare parts and the value of their cars depreciate accordingly. This would hit the

French farmers because many work with American light trucks.

It is also estimated that 900 French firms handling the sale of American automobiles and spare parts would be entirely or partly ruined and they are with the American companies in bringing pressure against the bills.

On the other hand, French automobile makers, chiefly the Renault and Peugeot companies, are known to be behind the bills in order to escape the American competition which threatens their business. Citroen, maker of the "French Ford," would probably suffer by the bills because he buys many parts in America for assembly here. The automobile industry not directly concerned with American goods favours the protective measures and has been strongly supported by the French press.

Fear Reprisals by U. S.

French exporters fear disastrous reprisals from the United States if the automobile bills become law. French manufacturers of silk, linen and other heavy export items to America, comprising exports far greater in value than American automobile imports, would be heavily hit if Congress altered its tariff bill to meet the French steps for protection in the one industry.

Ambassador Walter E. Edge has been conferring with representatives of American automobile companies and with officials of the French government and has assured the former that they will have ample opportunity to present their objections.

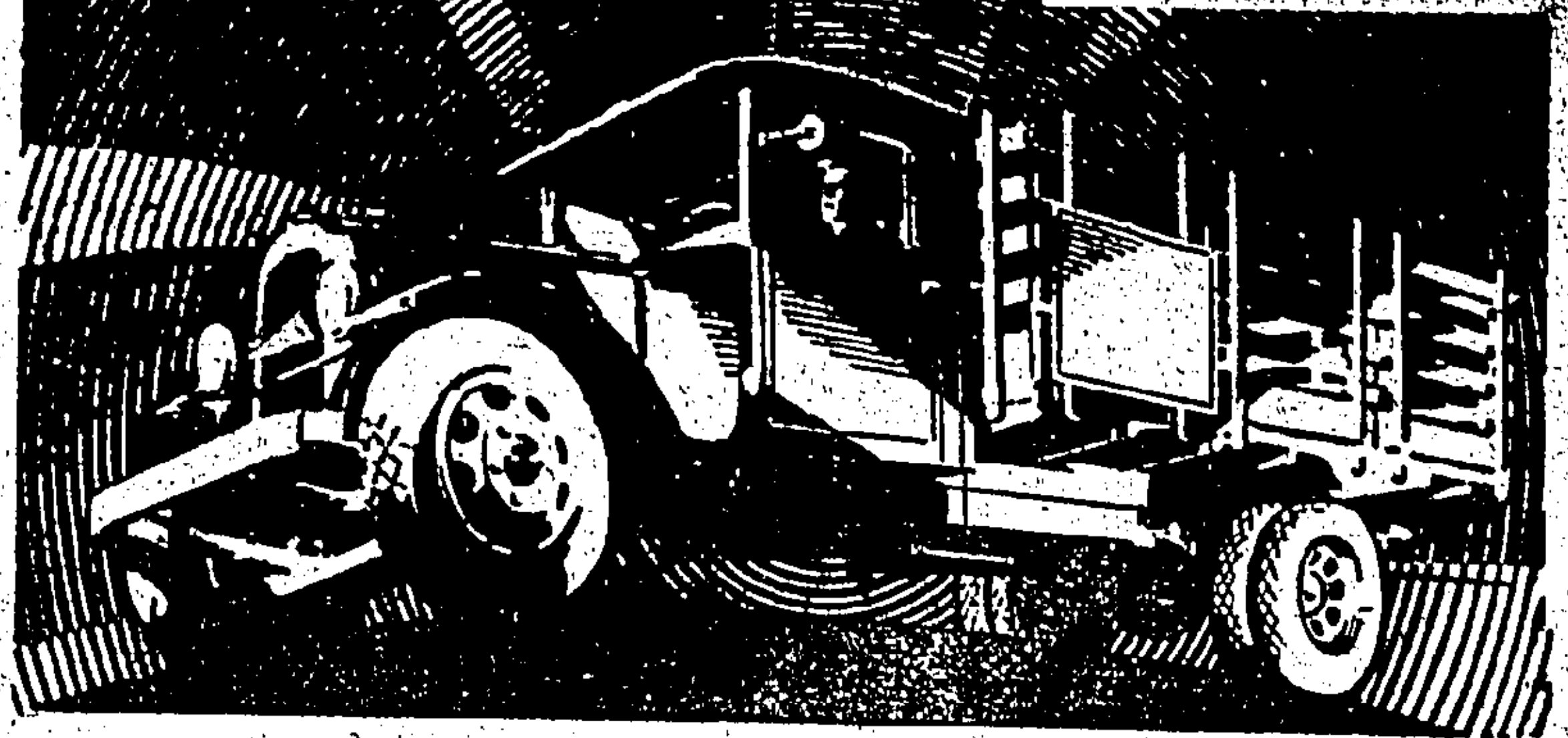
The automobile tariff bills present in many aspects a repetition of the effort to drive American movies from the French theatres. American producers are now permitted to bring in seven feature films to each French film bought by American interests, but the question is not yet definitely settled after long negotiation and the protective campaign of the French picture interests will be launched anew as soon as the French industry can begin to supply the demand.

It is believed, therefore, that the fight against the automobile bills means much to all American import business as a stand against French protection methods in general.

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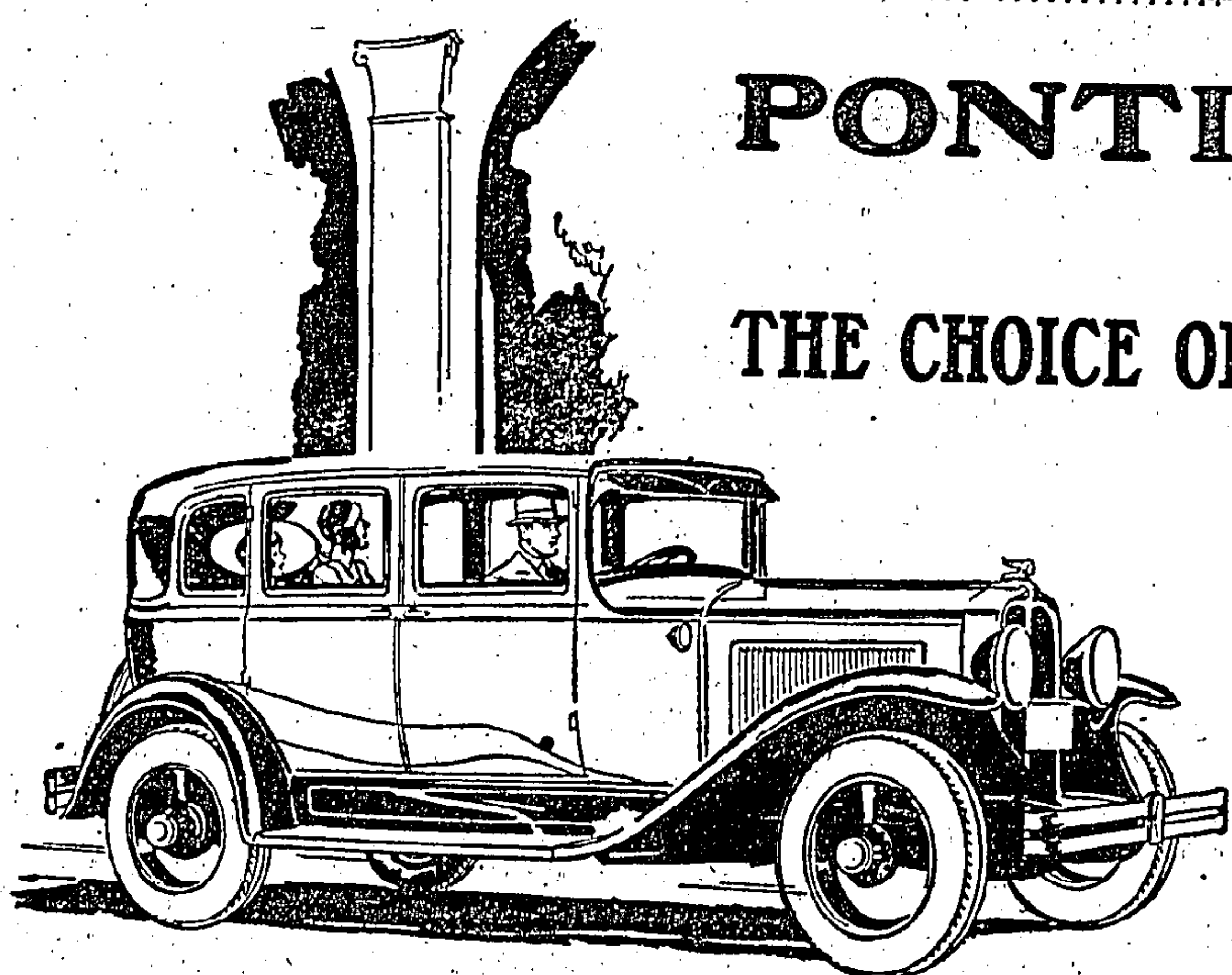
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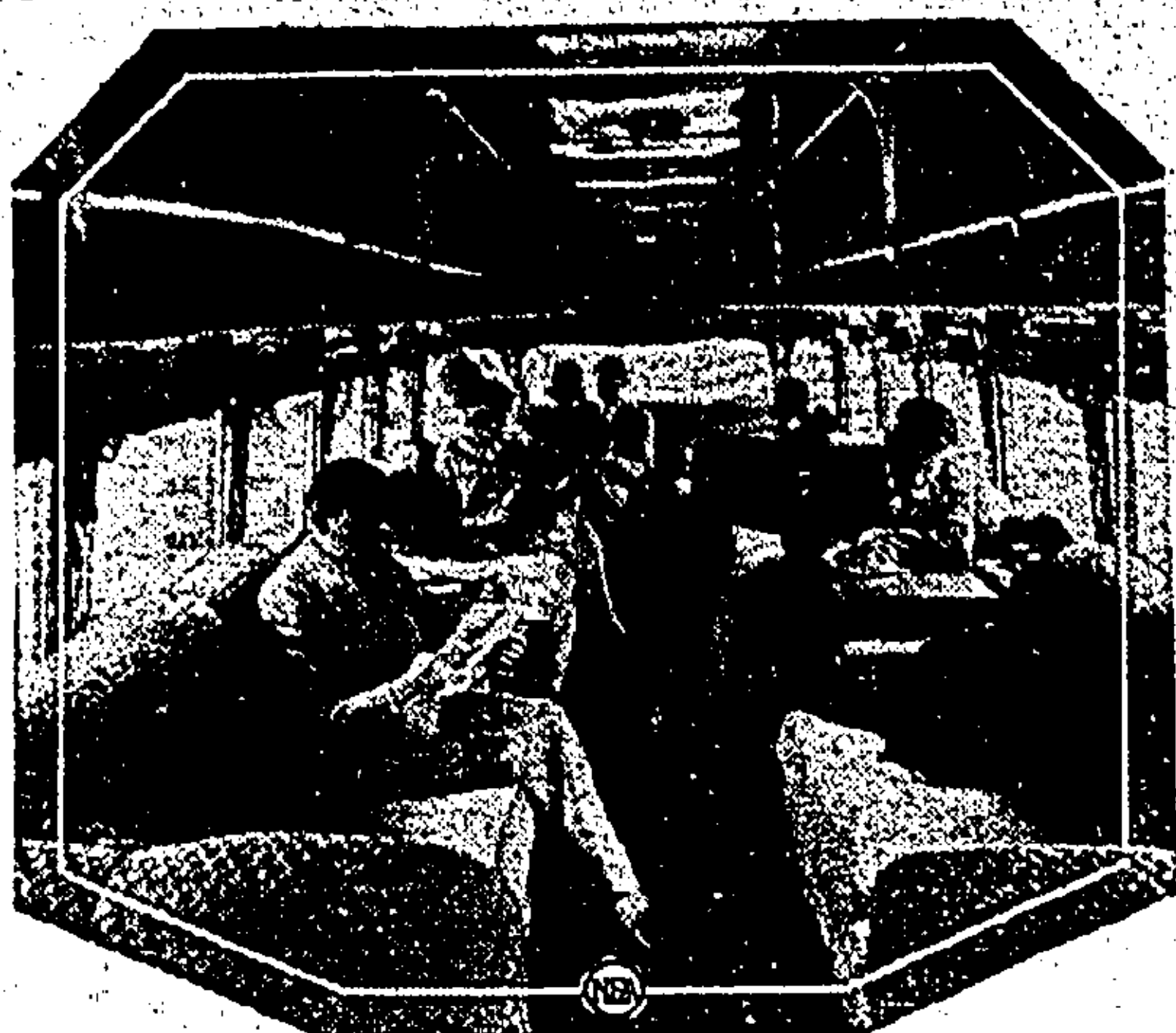
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NEW GRANARY OF THE WORLD?

Adventurous Survey in Bechuanaland.

CROSSING LITTLE KNOWN DESERTS.

The development of a new granary of the world and a possible solution of the unemployment problem may be the ultimate results of an adventurous survey expedition composed of Rhodesian Government officials which has successfully crossed the little-known deserts of Bechuanaland by a British motor lorry.

For nearly 600 miles there were no opportunities to renew water supplies, and special tanks had to be fitted, both for engine cooling and for drinking water.

Engineers from the manufacturers were included in the expedition in order that they could ascertain exactly the requirements for long distance semi-desert transport. Many possibilities for commercial development of this almost unknown part of the world were revealed during the course of an extremely hazardous journey.

An Empire Loaf?

It has been estimated that every quarter loaf made in Gt. Britain contains over 66 per cent. of foreign wheat, yet in Africa there lies land that could be made capable of producing huge quantities of cereals. General Gordon once stated that the Sudan could by proper settlement be made sufficiently fertile to supply the whole of Europe with wheat, and the north coast of Africa, it has been said, is capable of supplying the whole of the Caucasian race.

But hitherto the main difficulty has been that of suitable irrigation. It is believed, however, that the tract of land traversed by the expedition could very easily be made into a fertile and productive district by utilising the river Okavango.

River That Disappears.

This remarkable river rises in the mountains of Central Africa and follows its course for a thousand miles, and after forming a huge delta in the desert simply disappears. It is the opinion of a small band of experts that beneath the desert, therefore, there is a practically unlimited supply of water which could be utilised for irrigation purposes.

If this proves to be the case there is no reason why a new agricultural community should not be started in the heart of this apparently arid stretch of land, which could be turned into a new Egypt of the south. Large numbers of settlers would have to be recruited from Britain, for there would be a tremendous amount of work involved.

The wonderful performance of the motor lorry used for the expedition is an indication of how transport difficulties, hitherto considered to be insurmountable, may be overcome.

Preparing a Transport Service.

Although the lorry carried an extra load of two tons there was not a single breakdown or involuntary stop, save for one puncture.

Motor transport will be essential if this new country is to be developed, and the experience gained by the engineers from the British firm of lorry makers will enable them to incorporate further improvements, so that a transport service designed for long distance work on difficult ground will be available.

GAS STATIONS BUSY.

Automobile and truck owners of Illinois spent more than \$200,000, 000 for gasoline during the past year, according to the state director of trade and commerce.

ROAD TEST.

Economical Run.

DIESEL CAR'S SUCCESS.

Mr. C. L. Cummins, president of the Cummins Engine Company, Columbus (Indiana), travelled from Indianapolis to New York, a distance of 792 miles on one dollar and 39 cents' worth of fuel. The car he used was a standard chassis

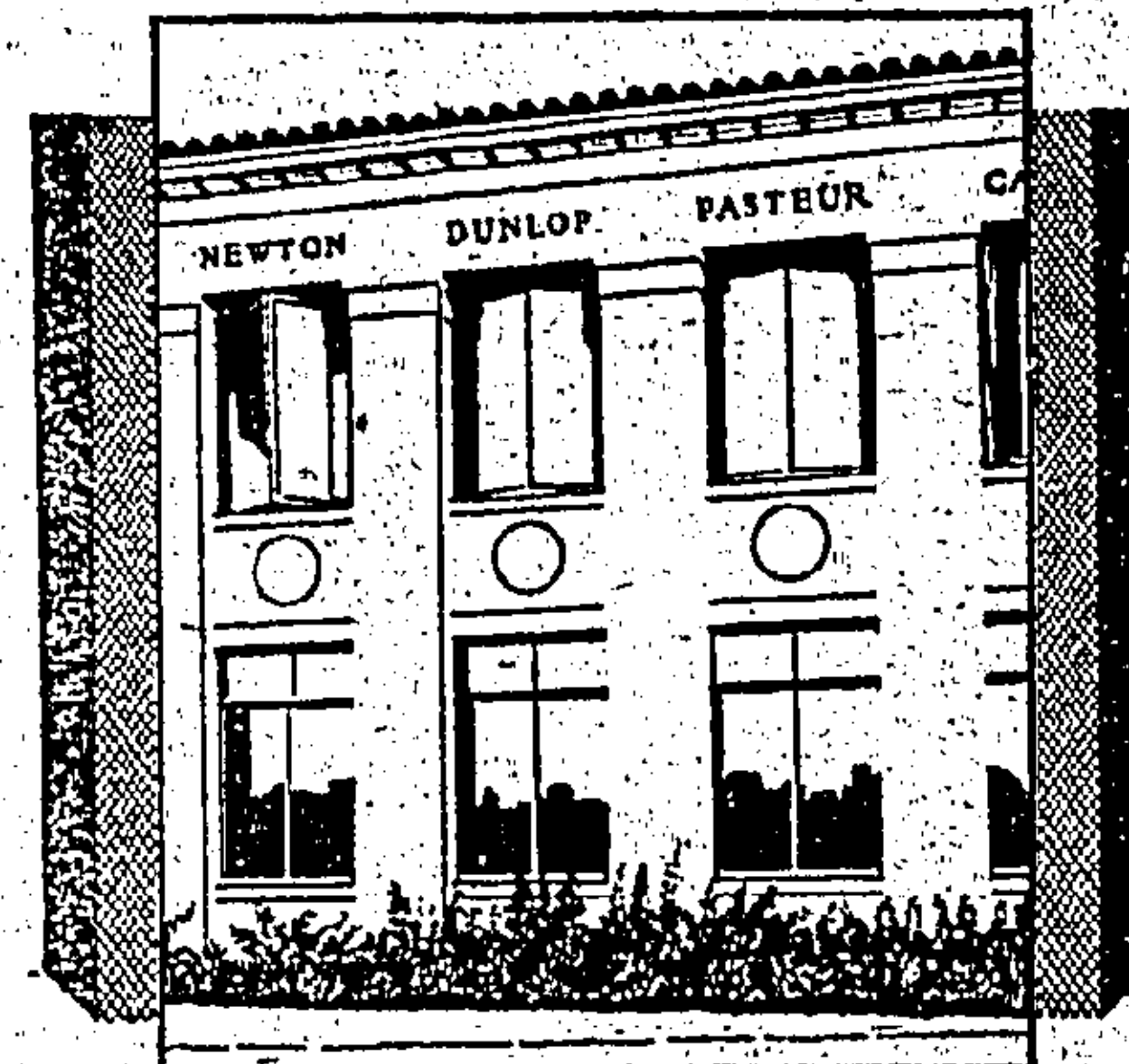
powered by a Cummins Diesel engine, and an average speed of over 31 miles per hour was maintained.

The engine is a four-cylinder, four-cycle Diesel type, with a final drive ratio of 2 1/2 to 1. A governor, which prevented speeds in excess of 55 miles an hour, was fitted, and the fuel consumption was 26 miles per gallon. Thirty gallons were used on the journey.

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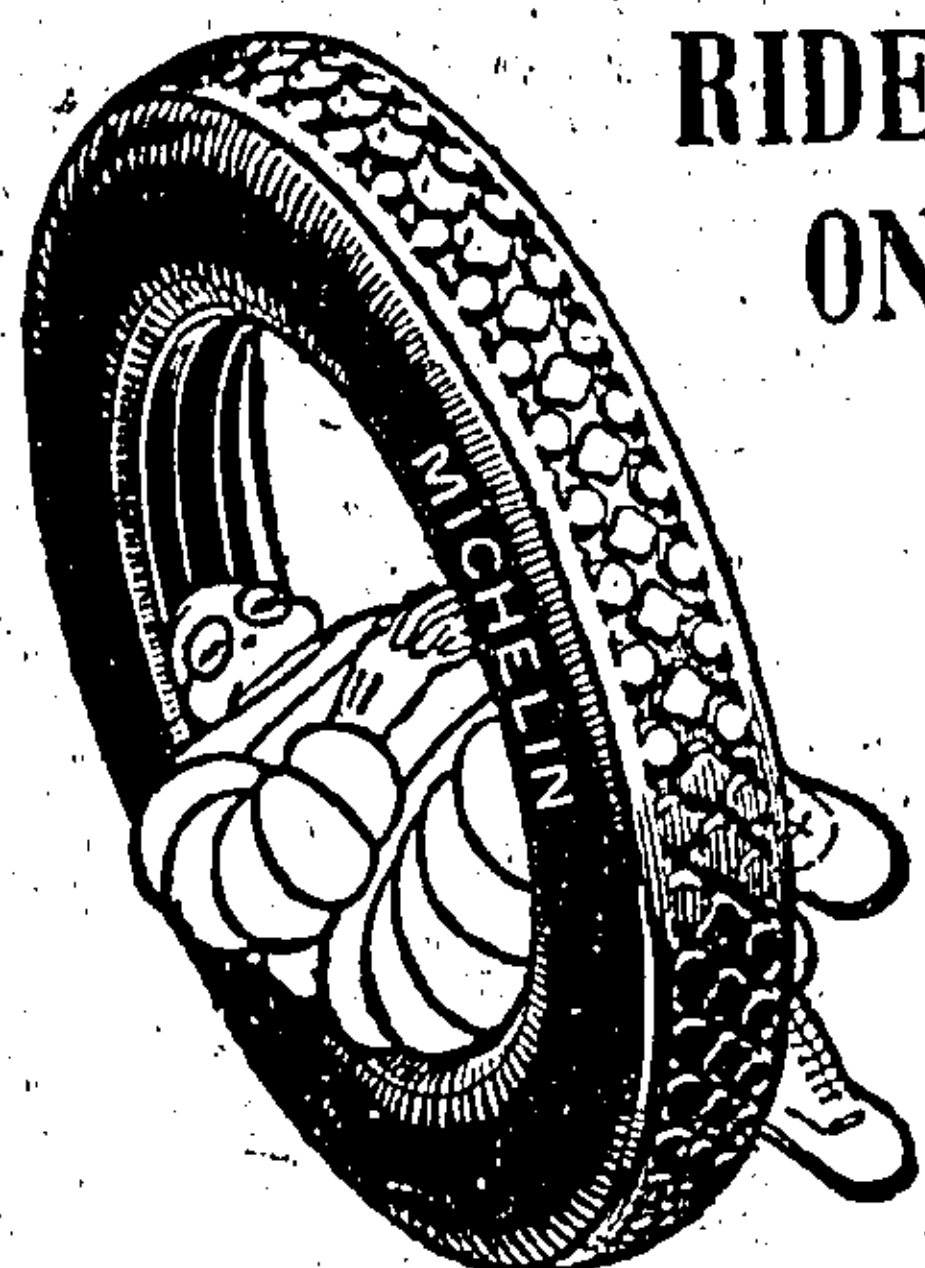
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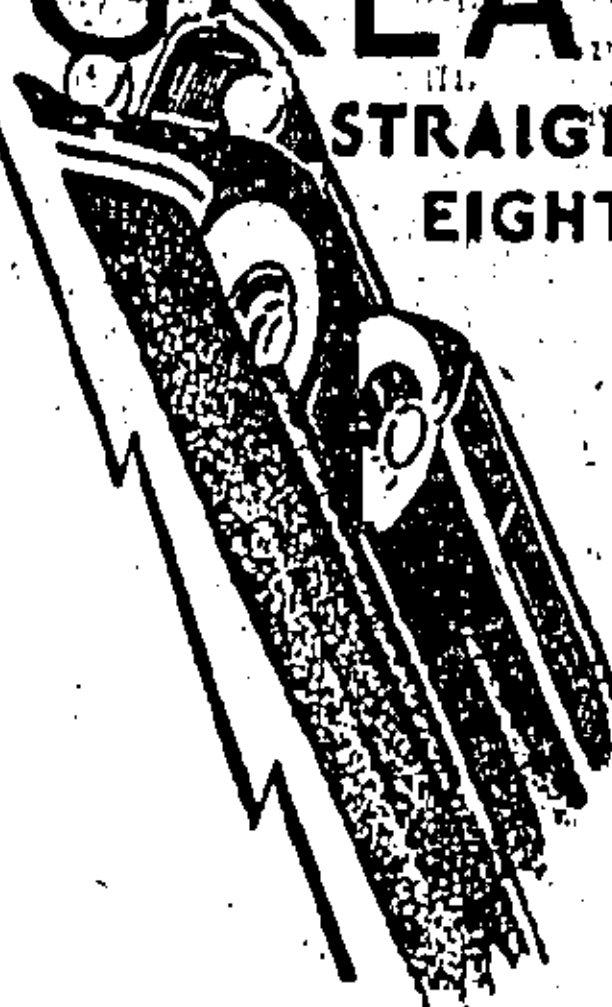
The Ford output for 1930 is expected to reach 2,500,000, out of an estimated total of 4,600,000. The production of Chevrolets last year was 1,350,000, and, should this figure be equalled this year, only 800,000 cars would be left for other makes.

Orders for Fords to the value of 20,000,000 dollars were booked by the factory in the first week of this year.

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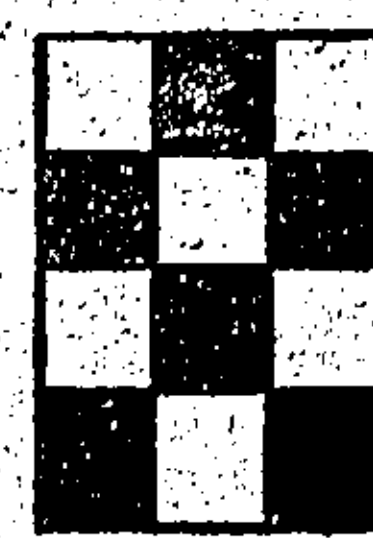
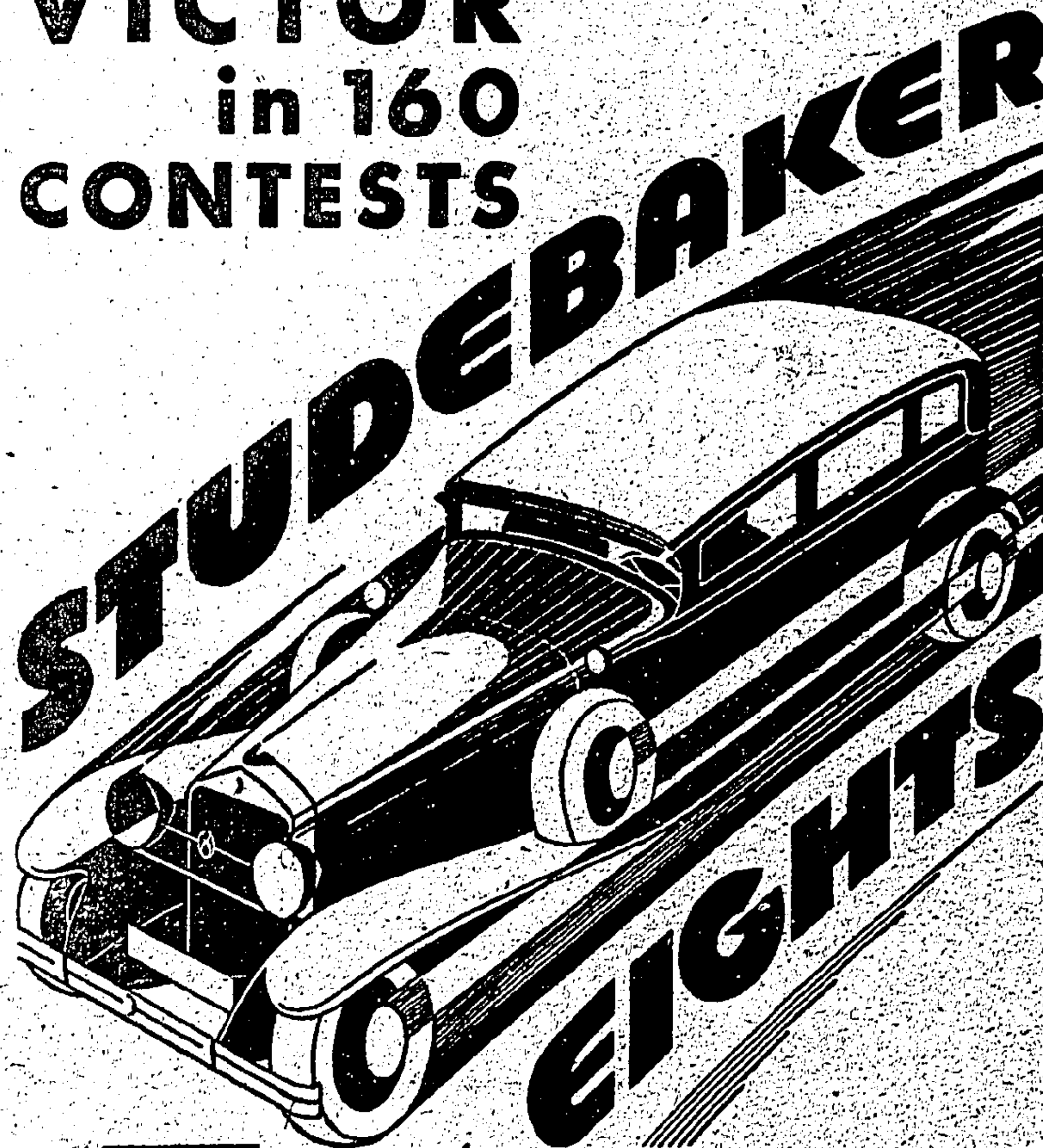
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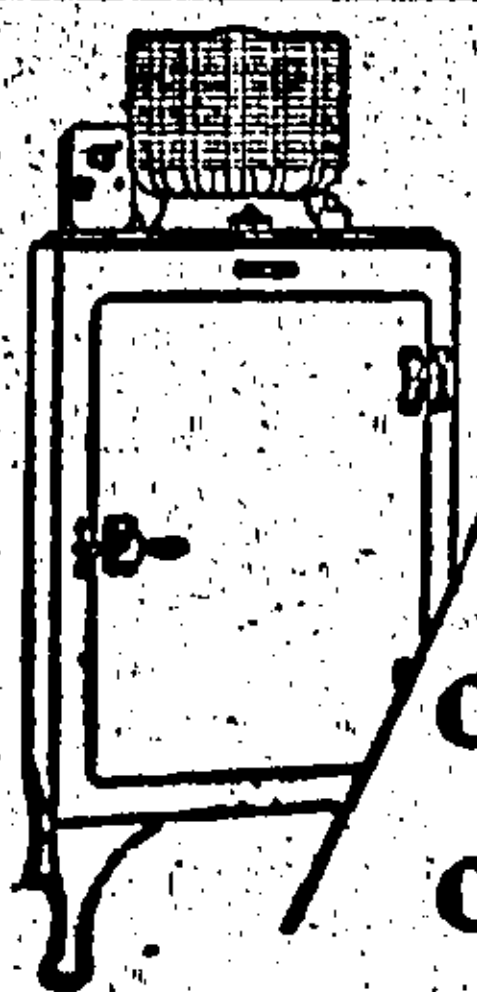
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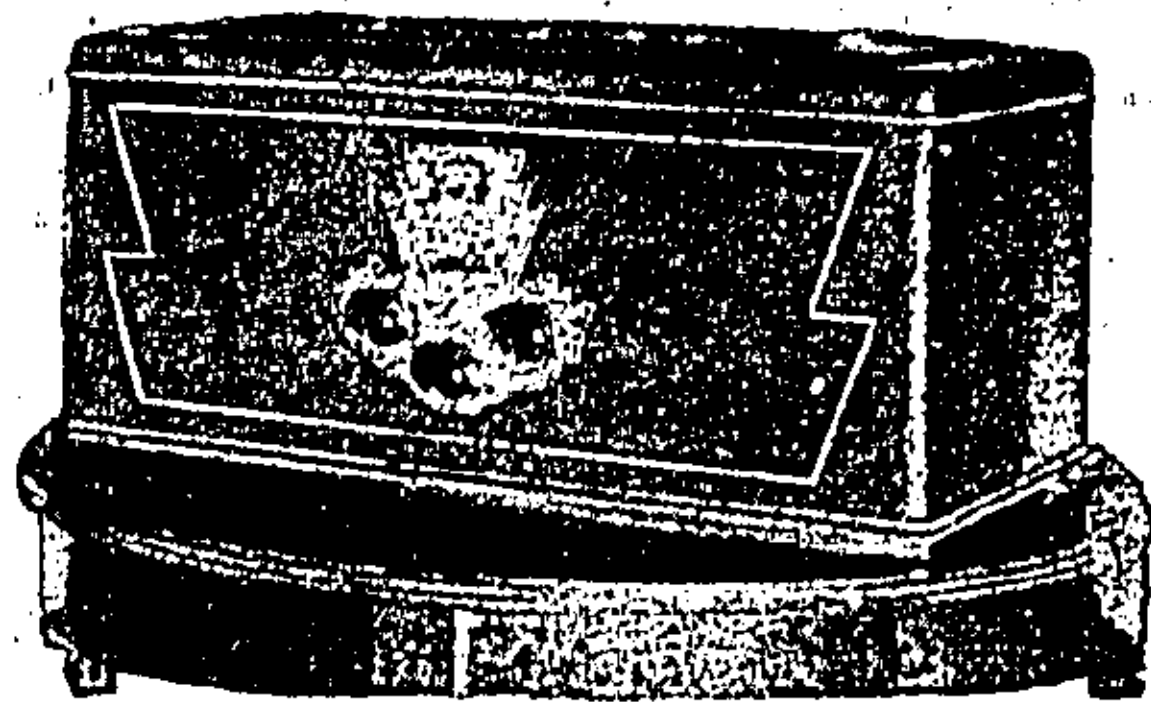
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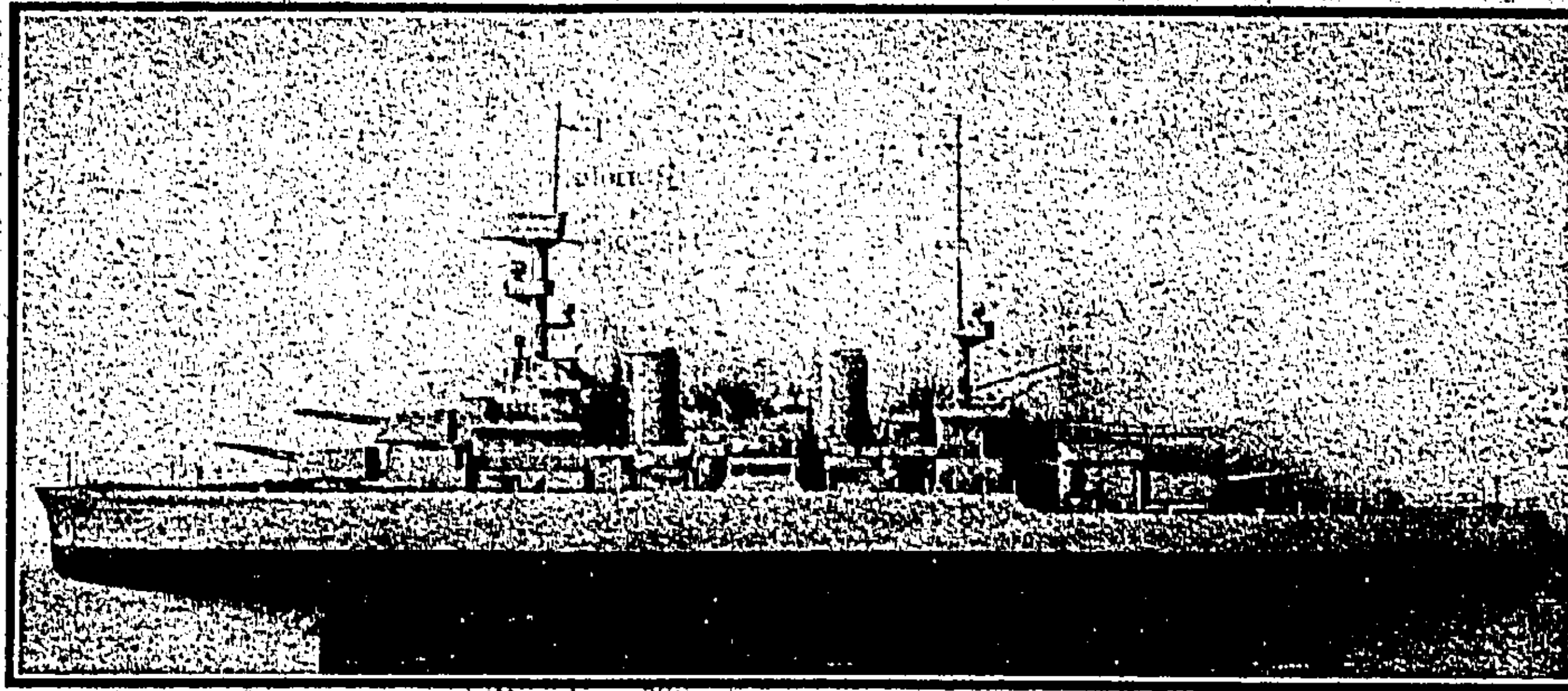
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INSPECTION OF AIRCRAFT.

OFFICIAL SYSTEM CHANGED.

Changes in the official system of air-craft inspection and in the requirements for the issue of Certificates of Airworthiness are now being planned by the Air Ministry.

The object in view is to release approved British aircraft constructors from some of the present crippling restrictions, and to place them in a stronger position to compete with foreign firms for the world's aircraft markets.

At present a firm desiring to build a new type of machine, or an old type incorporating fundamental modifications, must first submit to the Air Ministry drawings of the machine. Before permission to build the machine is granted to the firm, the drawings are made the basis for a lengthy series of calculations, which may be made by the firm and submitted to the officials, or by the officials themselves, and which may occupy several weeks.

Modifications in the design may be demanded by the officials down to the smallest details. Civil machines are classified in one of three categories, Normal, Aerobatic, and Special, and strength requirements for each category are laid down in black and white, and may not be departed from in the smallest particular.

Load factors (often incorrectly called "safety factors") must conform to a table which, among other things, demands a factor of at least 1 in a limiting nose dive even for the largest machines. This is in spite of the fact that such machines are unlikely to be divided vertically for long periods.

Factors for small aircraft which may be used for aerobatics go to as much as 7 1/2; that is, the machine is called upon to withstand, in certain circumstances, a load of 7 1/2 times the normal.

The strength of the under-carriage is also laid down, and the controls must be of such stoutness that it is virtually impossible for a pilot, exerting his full strength, to break them. Thus the control stick must be able to withstand a pull or push of 150lb. at the top, and the rudder bar must be able to withstand a push of 300lb. on one side or of 180lb. on each side simultaneously.

The instruments and equipment, the engine, and engine mounting are likewise required to conform to certain standards.

It is generally conceded that the result of these restrictions, has been beneficial and has helped to give British aircraft a high reputation for strength. But, now that the standards have been firmly established, it is thought that the methods of securing them can be simplified, accelerated, and made more elastic.

The aim is to do away with the Farnborough stress calculations and to hold a Resident Technical Officer responsible for seeing that the safety requirements have been met. At the same time these requirements are to be reduced so that they apply only to those parts of the machine which are fundamental to its strength in the air.

The eventual aim is to take the classification of risks altogether out of the hands of a Government Department and to follow the example of shipping, where Lloyd's Register, in many ways, fulfils the purpose which is served in aircraft by the Certificate of Airworthiness.

The result will be a notable reduction in the time needed for producing a new type of aircraft without reducing the strength of British machines. In addition the aircraft industry will be less under the control of the Aeronautical Inspection Directorate.

The new system is likely to take some time to put into full operation, and even then it will apply only to a limited number of officially approved firms. All other

COMEDIE FRANCAISE UPROAR.

INTERRUPTOR EJECTED AT A REHEARSAL.

The sacred soil of the Comedie Francaise was shaken by lively scenes when an interruptor had to be ejected during a rehearsal of Jean Cocteau's new one-act play, "The Human Voice." The giving of a work by Cocteau, celebrated for his novels "Le Boeuf sur le Toit" and "Les Enfants Terribles" and a short time ago the most advanced of the "Avance Guardists" at the traditional home of French classical drama, aroused not a little discussion and a good deal of jealousy.

Accusations of betrayal were levelled by a group who still persevered in being "modern" in their former co-reformer in aesthetics. One of these belonging to a group called the Surrealists, whose distinction, like Gertrude Stein's, is to be incomprehensible, made an audible remark during the only scene, the whole of which consists of a lady talking over a telephone to her lover.

The remark, which contained a reference to a friend of Cocteau, was boomed and applauded, the house containing about an equal number of the author's artistic friends and opponents. The interruptor, after having his hat knocked off in a scuffle, was eventually induced to retire, and the performance was then continued.

The play, which is intended as a curtain-raiser, is likely to meet varying comment on its production.

constructors will be made to conform to the more lengthy processes at present in force.

LAKE OF FIRE AT HILO ISLAND.

GROWING INTEREST IN HAWAII.

Honolulu, Mar. 20.
Live volcanoes, primitive beaches, native villages are attracting more travellers to Hilo island, the largest in the Hawaiian group, than ever before.

The influx of visitors seeking native life atmosphere has caused the Kona Inn, now just one year old, to double its guest capacity. This hostelry is situated on the western coast of the island in the heart of the district where the Hawaiians live according to early customs.

On the other side of the island at Hilo, a corporation representing local and transportation interests has been formed to erect a modern, new hotel for the tourist trade. Hilo is the principal port for the island of Hawaii, and the second largest city in the entire territory. The new hotel company is planning a \$300,000 structure to be erected on a spacious site on the seaside.

Some of the prettiest tropical scenery in the islands is located in the district around Hilo, and along the Hamakua coast just north of Hilo is one of the richest cane districts of the Hawaiian Islands.

Better transportation facilities, including a daily airplane passenger service from Honolulu to Hilo, is a contributing factor to the increase of travel to this island.

Interest in the Kilauea Volcano crater, which has been threatening a new outbreak of lava is thought to be partly responsible for the popularity of the Big Island. Lava flows in Kilauea are confined to a huge firepit, a half-mile in diameter and 1200 feet deep. Volcanic activity transforms this steaming

THE FUTURE OF THE ANTOIRO.

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Regular production of the autogiro will commence in the United States and Great Britain toward the end of 1930, according to Don "an de la Cierva, inventor of the device, who recently returned from a three months' trip to the United States. He stated that for 10 years he had been experimenting with the autogiro and that his invention was at last leaving the domain of the laboratory for that of practical flying.

Senor de la Cierva expressed himself as fully satisfied with his American tour, during which he showed the autogiro at the national fair meeting at Cleveland, O. In particular he appreciated the sympathetic attitude of the American people toward new ideas. He said that while in Europe many people showed that they believed in the success of his invention, he did not get in the old Continent the same whole-hearted support he had received in the United States.

Senor de la Cierva was much impressed by the rapid development of aviation in the States, though he was surprised at the lack of facilities for the running of air clubs such as are subsidized by the English Government. But he believes that flying by private persons is likely to develop more quickly in America than is possible in Europe, where the multitude of frontiers with their customs barriers form a serious hindrance.

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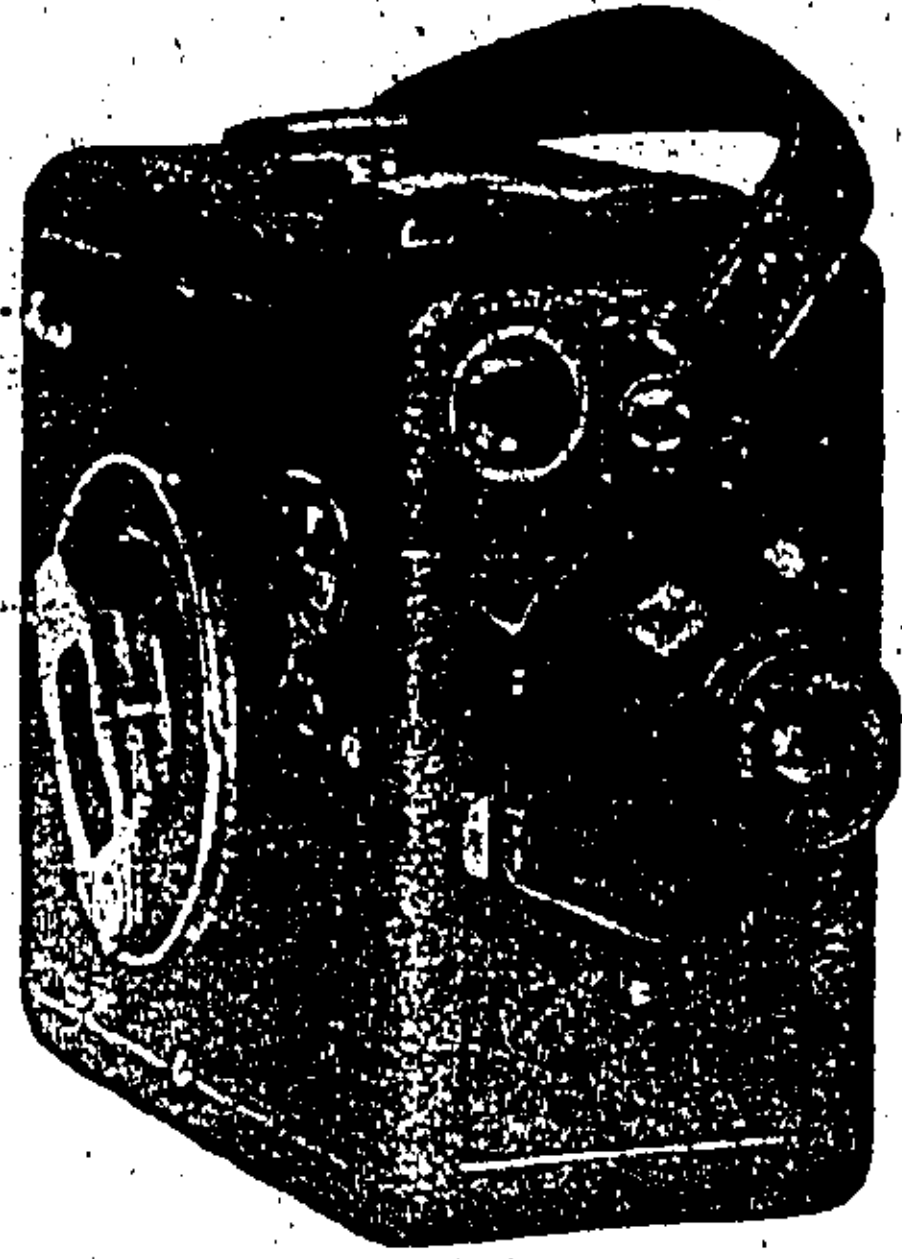
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STRAIN OF FLYING WITH CONTROL JAMMED.

A remarkable story was told at the inquest at Kenley Aerodrome on Pilot Sergeant Fell, of the R.A.F., who was killed when he jumped from an aeroplane wearing a parachute which did not open.

Flight Lieutenant C. F. le Poer Trench said he saw Sergeant Fell flying round and round and realised that something was jamming his control in the back seat, and that the parachute or something was loose.

"I flew up alongside him," he said, "and made signs to him to perform certain evolutions which would drop the parachute out of the back seat."

The Coroner—But he ought to have known what to do?—Yes, but people do not always use their heads. He understood what I told him to do, and tried to loop, but did not succeed.

"Finally he made a sign to me that he was going to jump," said Lieutenant Trench. "I indicated to him to climb with me, and he followed me to a height of about 6,000 feet towards Epsom Downs. Suddenly he left me and dived about 4,000 feet. I saw him leave his machine with his parachute, but it did not open."

Later, he said, he examined the parachute and found that Fell had not pulled the cord to open it.

Mental Strain.

The Coroner—Can you imagine how the parachute in the back seat came loose?—It is an amazing thing. Experts have tried to pull the parachute out of the seat in different ways but did not succeed. The control was jammed by the parachute or a cap.

Squadron Leader B. E. Baker said that the parachute was strapped in in accordance with normal procedure.

The Coroner—Since it became loose, the normal procedure must be bad.

Dr. W. S. Stalker, R.A.F., said he thought that the long mental strain and then the sudden loss of

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Honolulu, Mar. 20.

Society leaders, school children, native entertainers, community organizations, and army and navy officials in Honolulu are all working together to celebrate Hawaii's first annual Aloha Festival of Flowers and Song to be held in Honolulu, April 9, 10, 11 and 12.

The Honolulu Junior League is sponsoring the ball and costume festival that will open the festival on April 9. Honolulu's two largest hotels, the Royal Hawaiian and Moana, will be used for this event, which will be the outstanding social event of the entire year.

The singing clubs of the various islands will compete in an Hawaiian music contest on April 10, and in the afternoon the Honolulu schools will appear in an international pageant.

An exhibition of Hawaii's flowers, including floral treasures from private gardens, will be held by the Outdoor Circle on April 11. That evening an outdoor historical pageant of old Hawaii will be staged by costumed native actors, musicians and dancers.

Honolulu harbour will be the scene for the main event of the Aloha Festival on the closing night. This will be an illuminated floral carnival afloat. Floral ships, musical barges, illuminated native canoes, and floating orchestras will be featured in this aquatic, musical flower pageant. Lighting effects will be supplied by army and navy technicians.

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control of his machine caused Fell to lose control of his mental faculties. That would account for his not pulling the cord of his parachute. His mind had become a blank under the long strain.

The Coroner said he thought the parachute in the back seat could not have been properly strapped in and the controls were jammed.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

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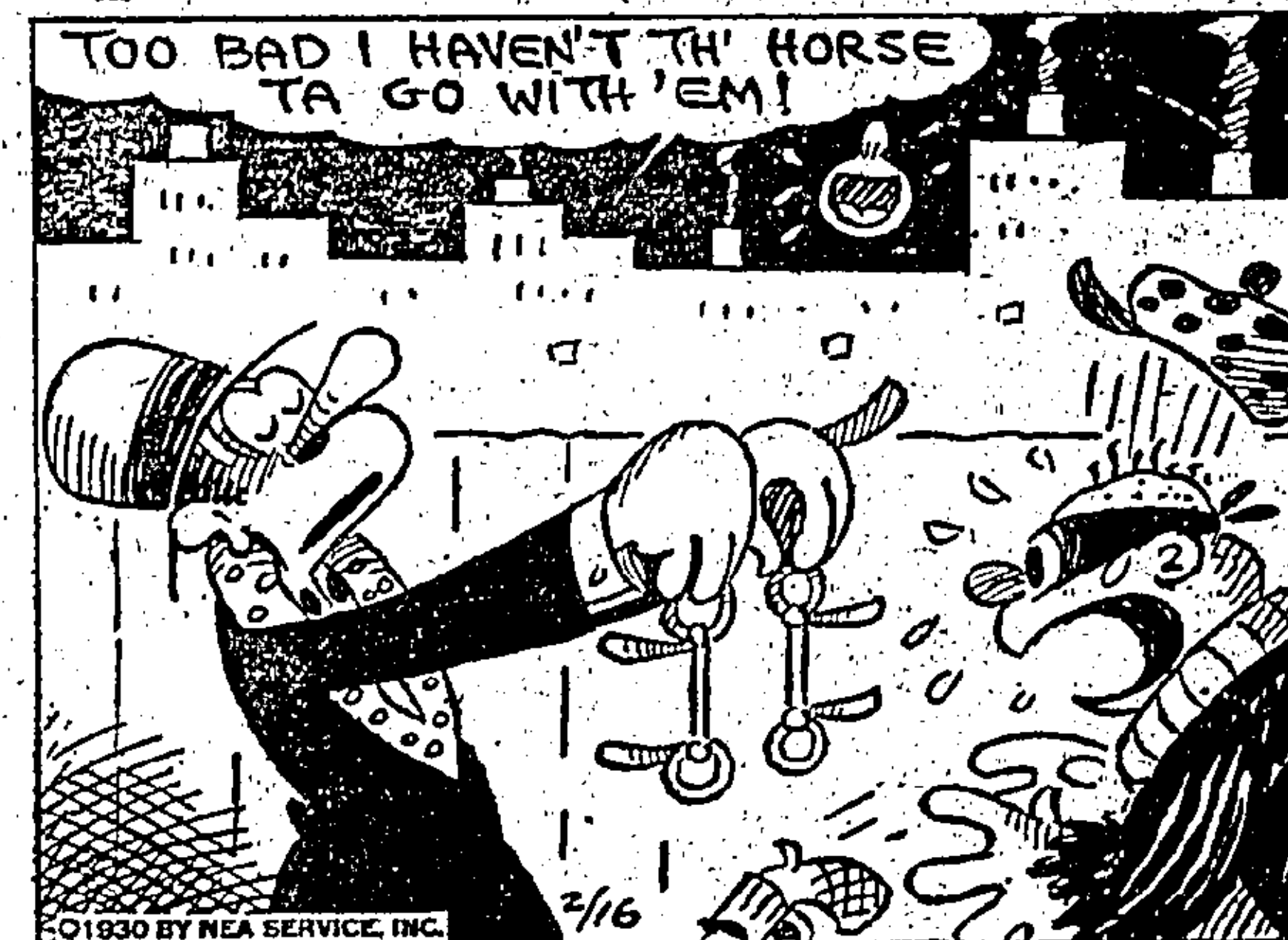
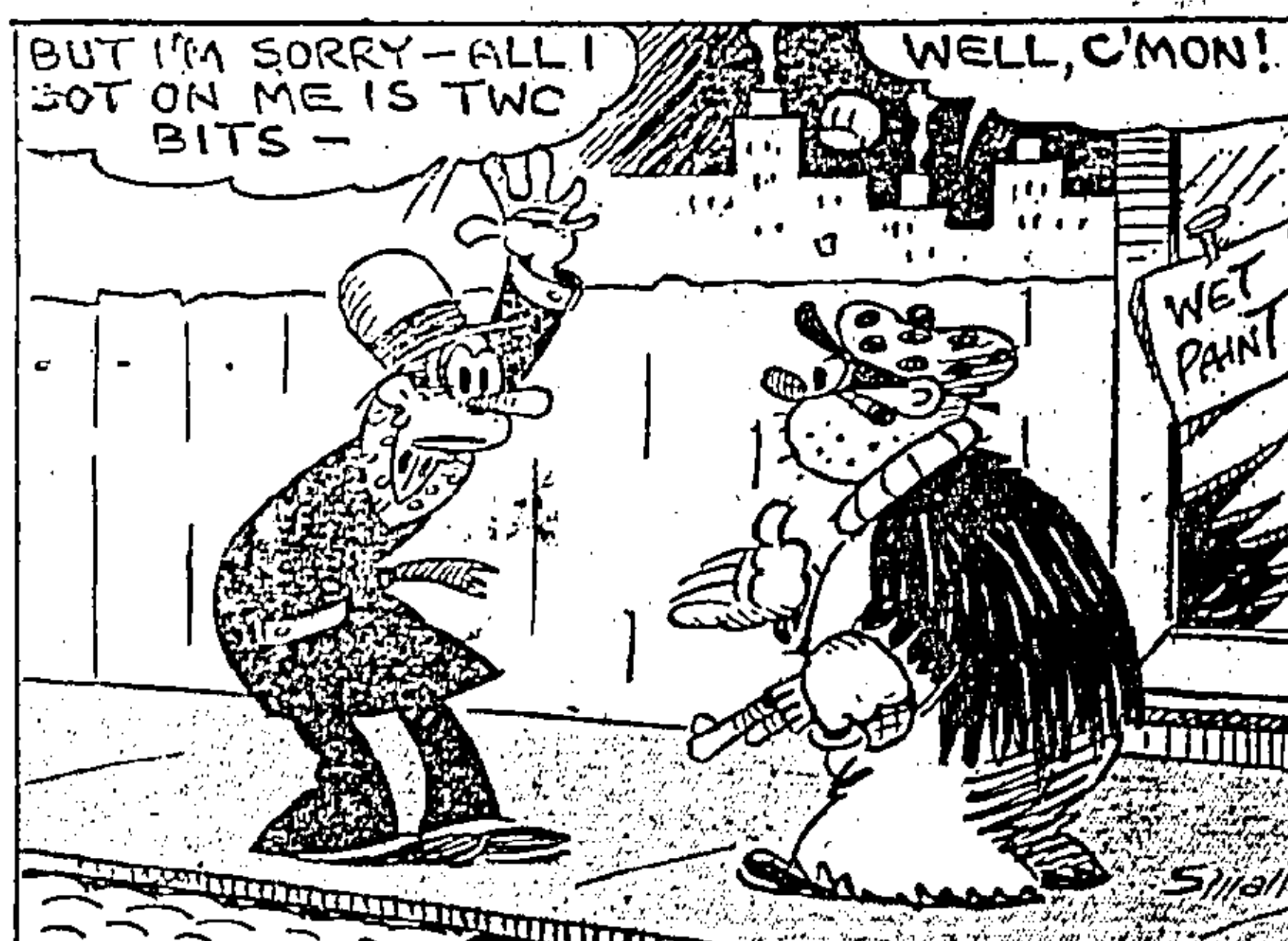
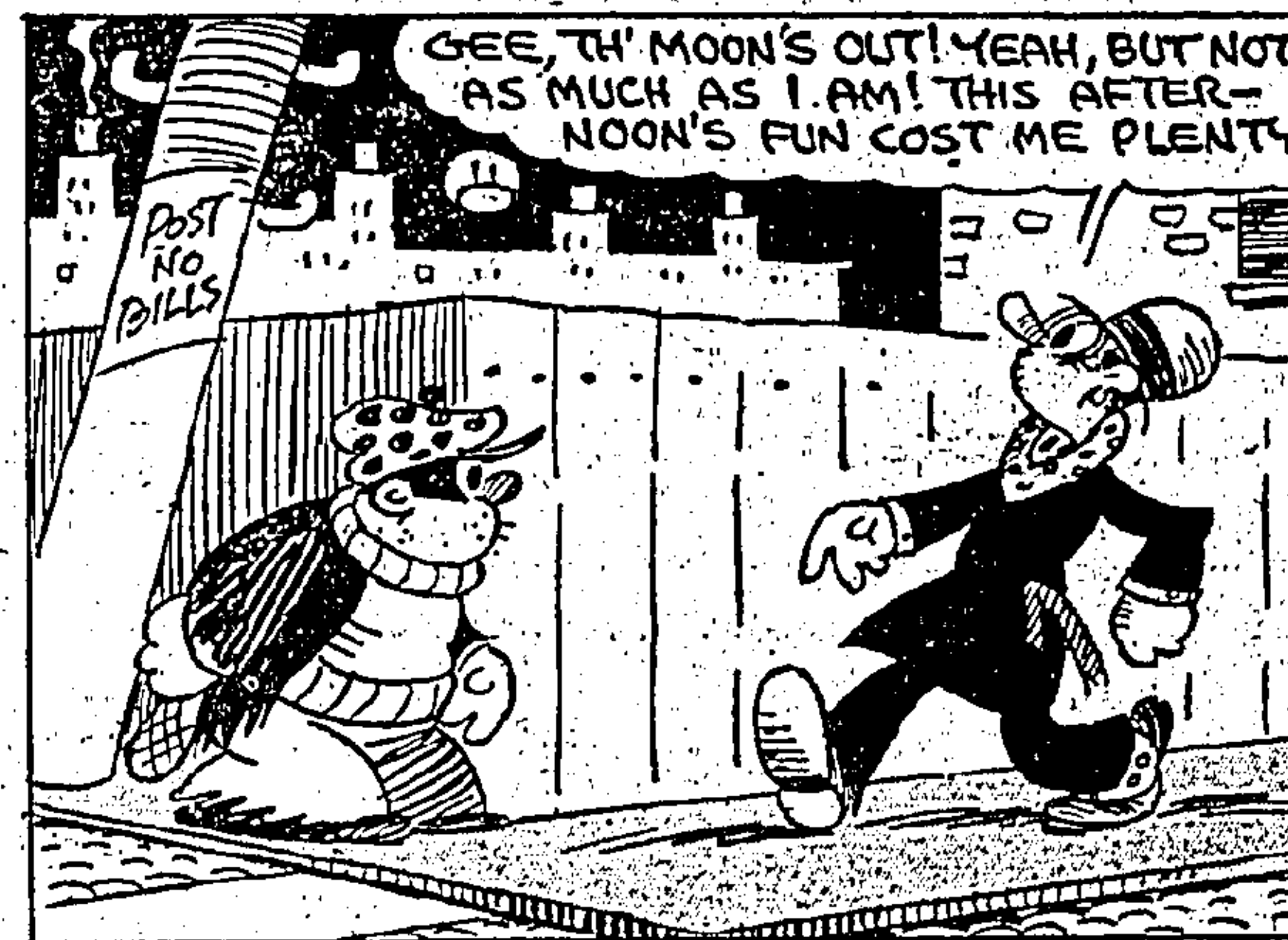
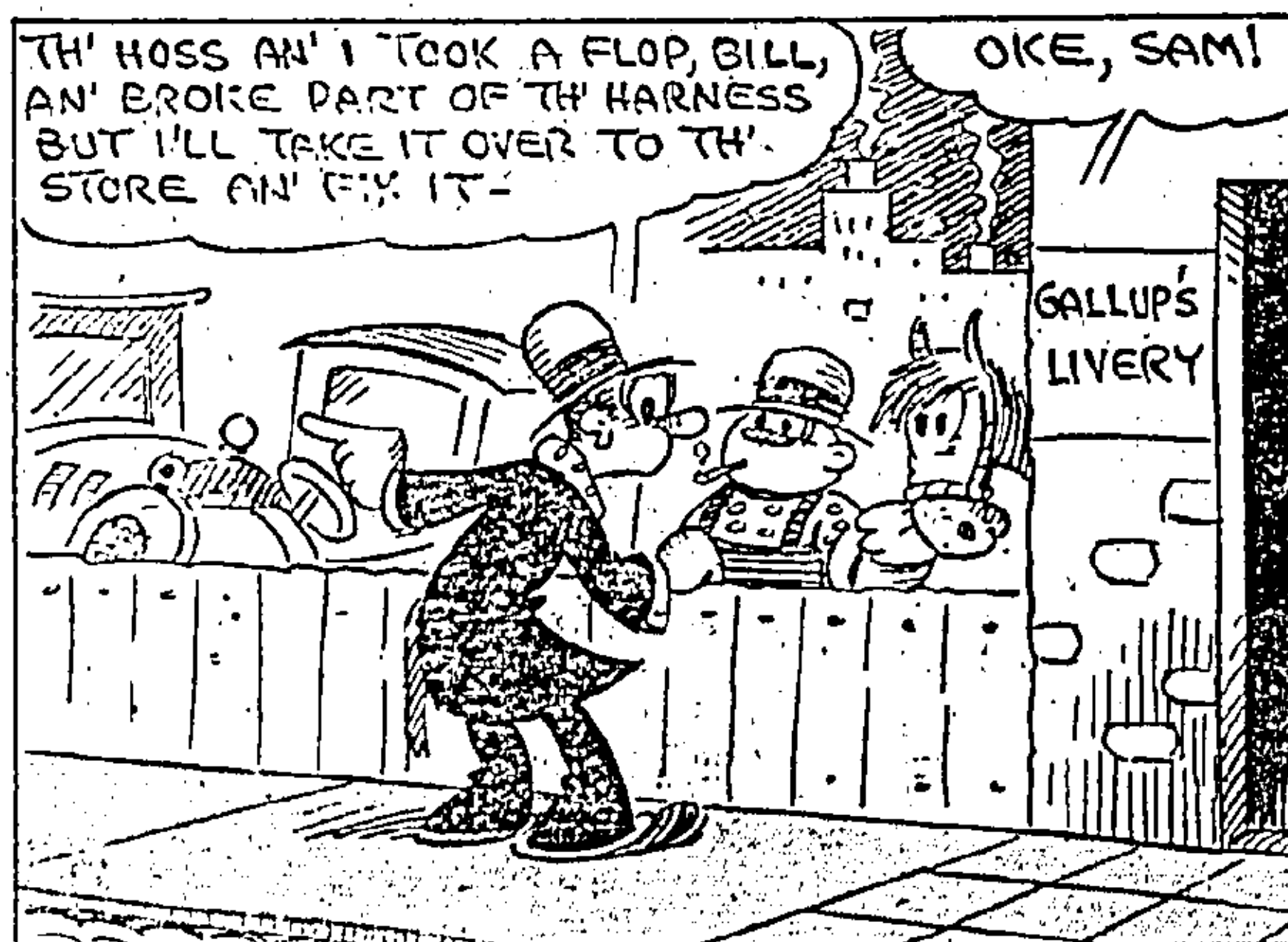
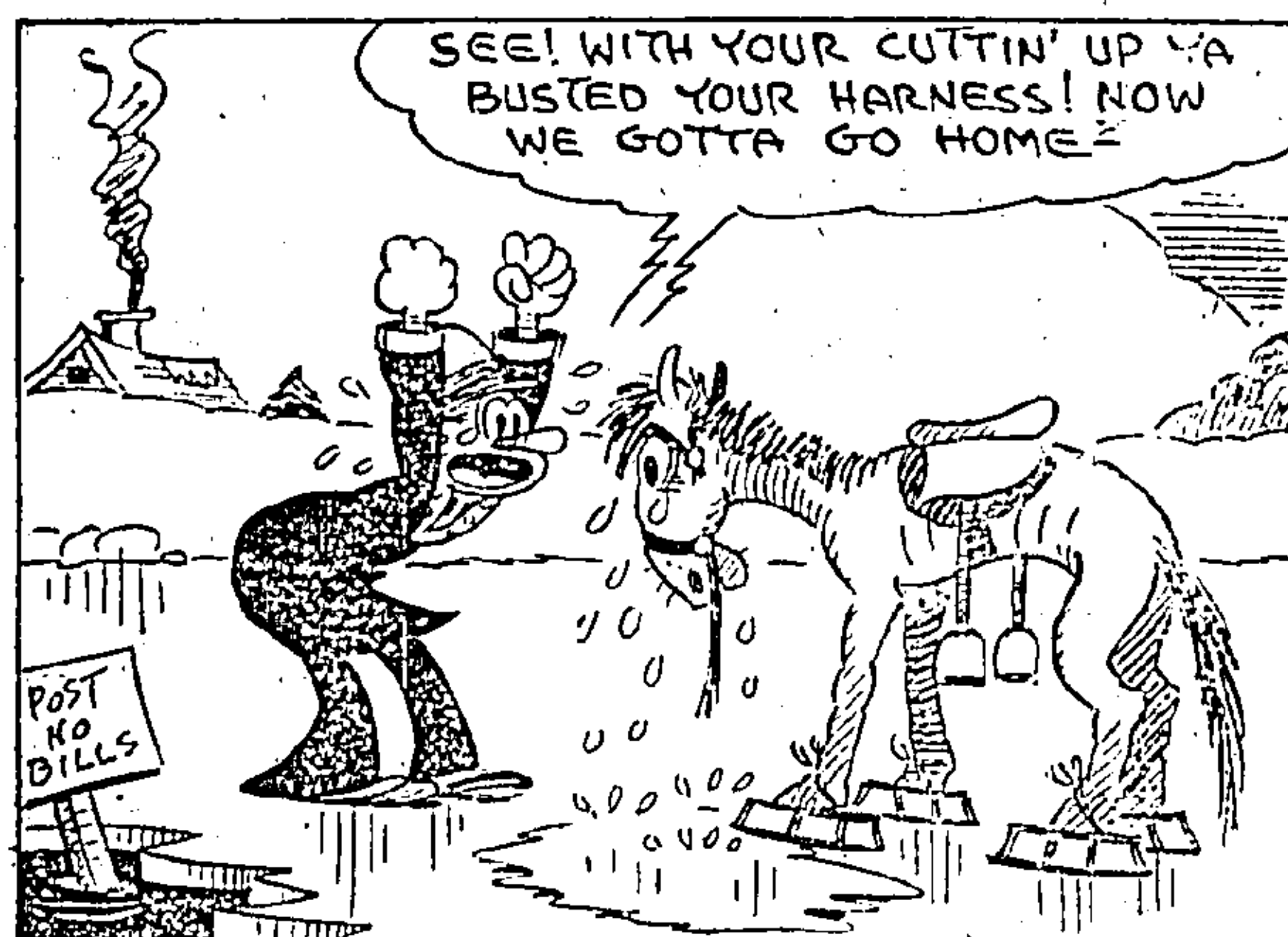
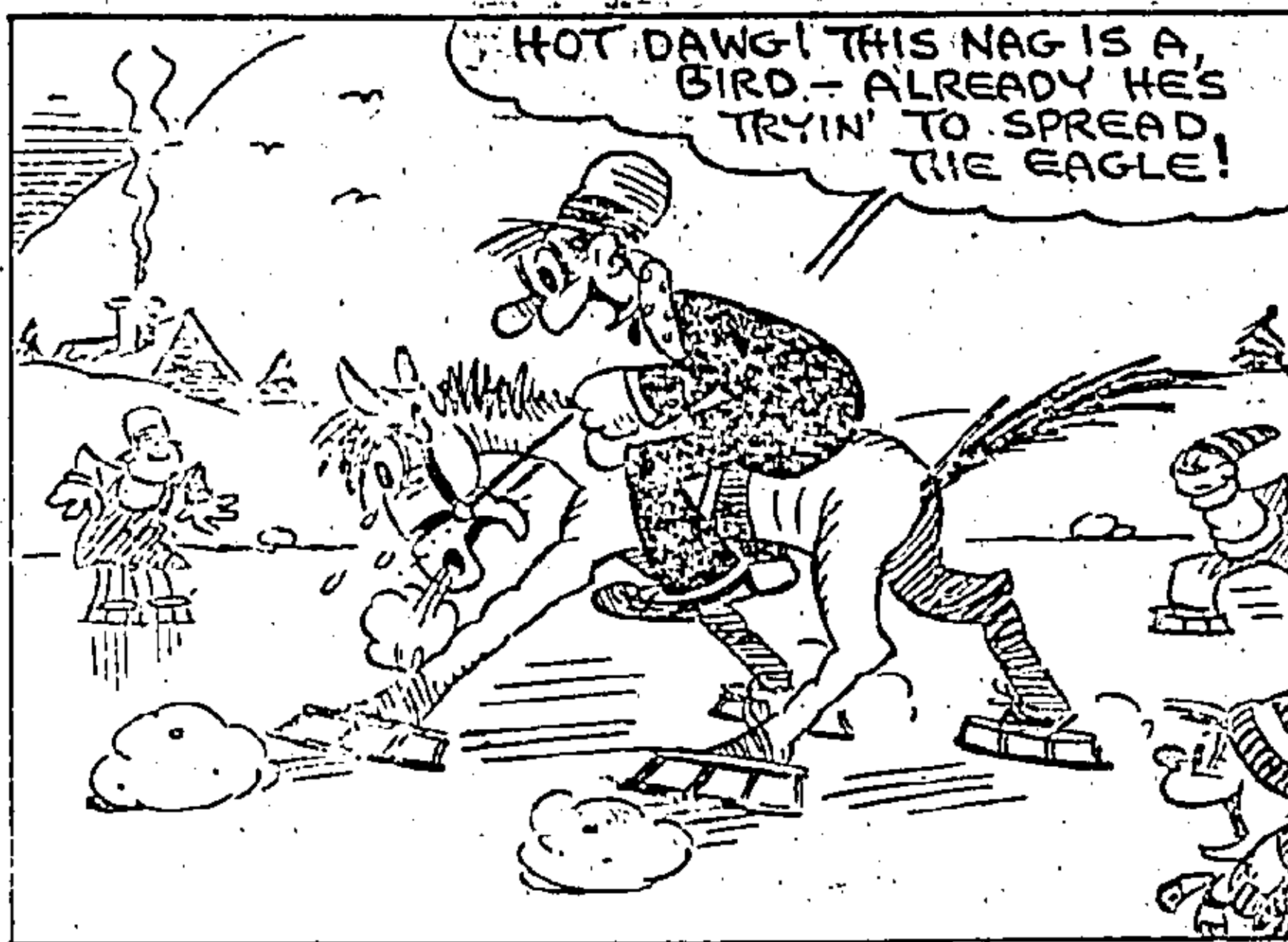
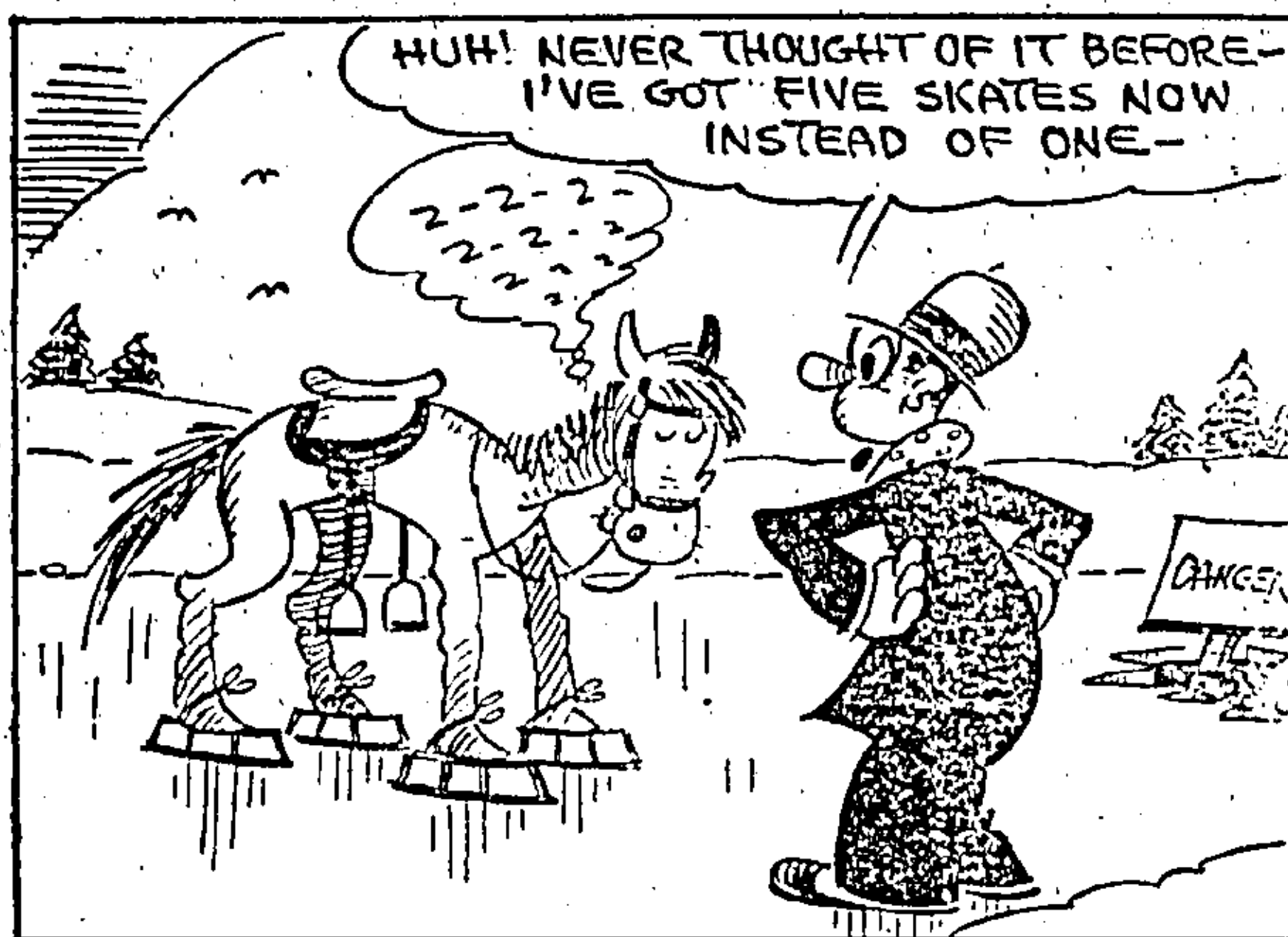
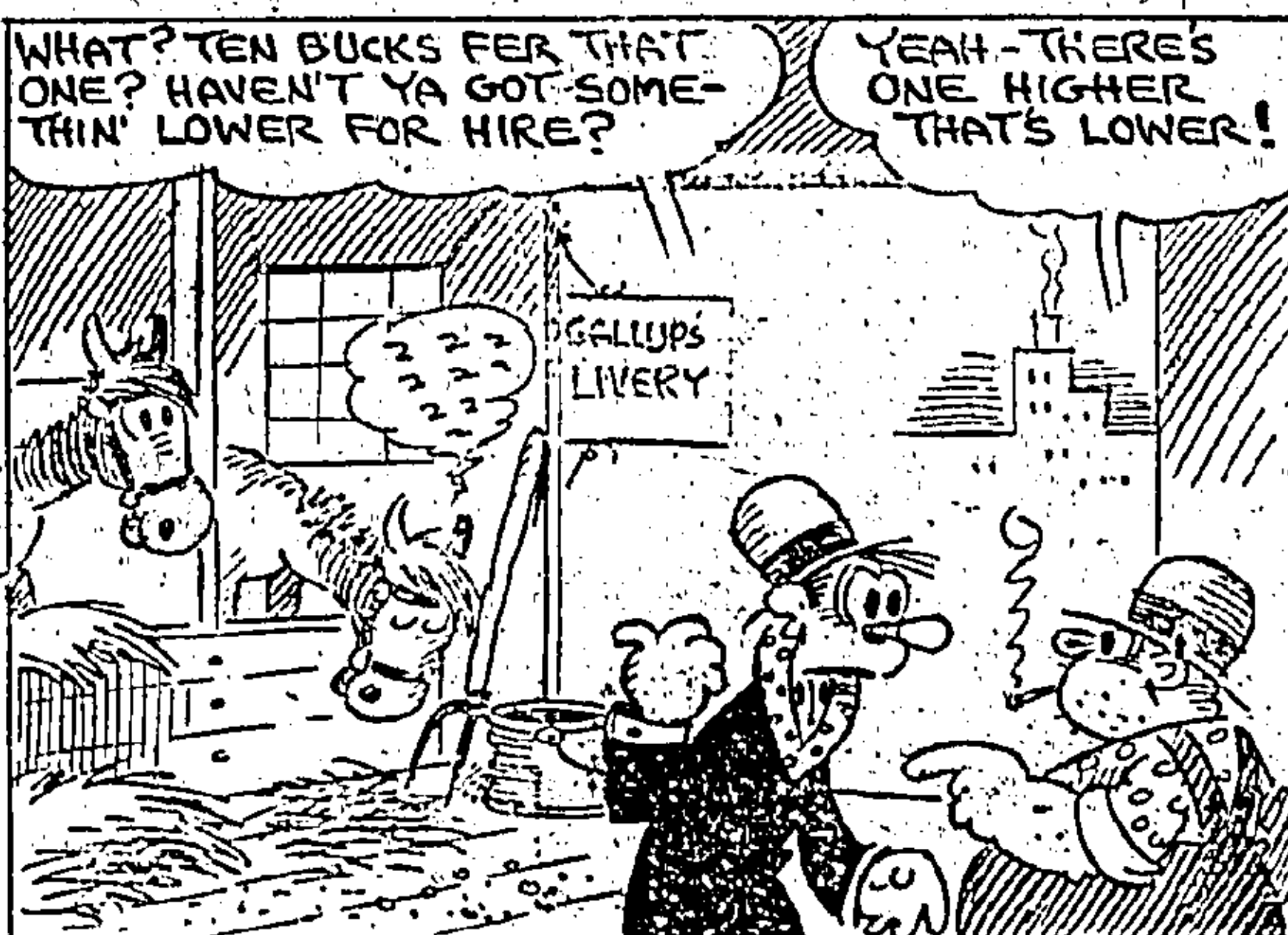
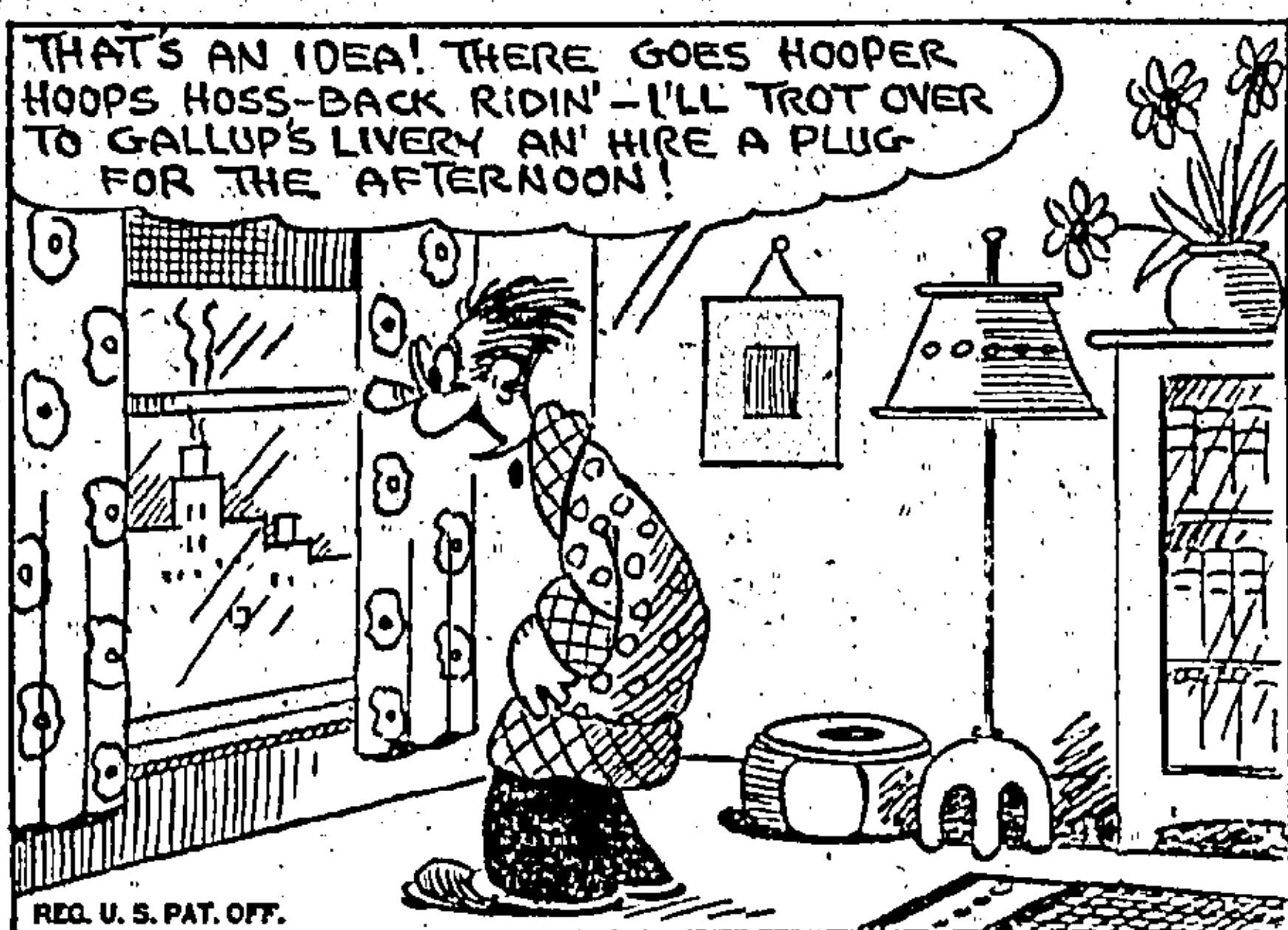
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Because he wants to observe Seymour Crosby, for certain sinister reasons connected with his profession, Detective Bonnie Dundee accepts Dick Berkeley's invitation to spend a week-end at the millionaire Berkeley's home. Crosby, social celebrity of New York, is engaged to Clorinda Berkeley, who is not a good girl. Her father is bitterly opposed to the marriage, but her mother is determined upon it. Dundee is an unpleasant character. Gigs, the fifteen-year-old daughter, freely criticizes her family to Dundee.

CHAPTER V.

The room to which Dundee had been assigned was on the third floor of the Berkeley mansion. Dick Berkeley, ushering him into it upon his arrival that Friday evening, had explained:

"Nobody but the servants and me up here. I chose my quarters for privacy. Sorry, but you'll have to use my bath, old man. Your room is really what Mother calls my 'den,' but the couch is comfortable. Mother wanted you to have one of the lordly guest chambers on the second floor, but I thought you might enjoy a little bachelor peace and quiet. The bathroom's on the east, extending the length of the house; otherwise there's nothing clear across the front but my rooms. I don't think you'll mind the servants. They turn in fairly early, all except old Wickett, the butler, and use the backstairs."

Now, as Dundee plodded rather wearily up the winding marble staircase, his mind was a jumble of half-formed forebodings of he knew not what, snatches of strange conversation, distorted pictures. A queer, mad evening. A nightmare reaching its crescendo in that terrible moment when Mrs. Berkeley's broad palm had left its mark upon Gigs's cheek. Funny, brazen, impudent little Gigs! But she had not deserved that!

His hand, slipping along the cold marble balustrade, suddenly encountered something soft and living and warm. Startled, he looked down as little brown fingers curled about his.

"Gigs!" he whispered, and bent over to stare at the forlorn little figure in inconspicuously gay pyjamas, crouching against the stair-head.

"I've been waiting for you to come up," she whispered, her voice catching on a sob. "Dick's not in his room, and I wanted somebody to pet me and tell me what an awful little beast I am. I couldn't sleep," she confessed miserably.

Dundee rounded the stairhead and, protected from the sight of anyone below by the high marble balustrade, crouched beside her, cuddling the twisting little brown hands against his dinner coat.

"You do smell sick-sweet!" she giggled faintly. Did you think I was terrible, wasting Abbie's perfume like that? Well, I wasn't! I was just— She broke off the confidence abruptly however; began on a new tack, her topaz eyes glowing like a cat's in the dim light from the third-floor hall bracket. "I wasn't just being mean then, but afterwards—after Abbie—slapped me—Oh, I did something perfectly dreadful! And now I'm so frightened I can't sleep!"

"Poor little, dear little Gigs!" he said tenderly, and lifted the small hands to his lips. "You can't have done anything perfectly dreadful, and of course you're going to trot off to bed right now."

"My!" she breathed softly, solemnly. "You kissed my hands, Bonnie Dundee! Just as if I were a grown-up young lady like Clorinda! I—listen!" she pleaded wistfully, "if you'll kiss my eyelids I bet I will go to sleep!"

He kissed the ecstatically fluttering lids very gently, but he did not kiss the soft, childish little mouth that quivered expectantly. After all, she was only 15.

still hung over an armchair, and an ash tray beside it held half a dozen cigarette stubs, deposited there since the chambermaid had turned down the covers of the bed. And in the room was a heavy odour of whisky and perfume.

"He can't have got far," Dundee said to himself, and frowned thoughtfully.

Suddenly his mind was made up. Regardless of the fact that Dick was his host, and that his host's love affairs were none of his concern, Dundee knew that if he could prevent it Dick Berkeley should not further annoy Doris Matthews that night. The girl feared him, despised him, and he was more than half drunk. There was his empty pocket flash.

Without forming any definite plan, Dundee hurried out into the hall. Yes, thank heaven, Gigs had gone to bed! He plunged down the stairs, his steps inaudible on the thick velvet runner.

In the 10 minutes or so since he had gone up, the house had apparently settled down for the night. In all the big front hall there was only one dim light burning, but as Dundee was crossing noiselessly to the drawing room there came the faint sound of a door opening, immediately followed by an angry, implacable voice:

"And that's my last word on the subject, Abbie! There'll be no engagement announced here to-morrow night! I'll not have my daughter marrying a wife-murderer!"

"Shut that door, George Berkeley!" Dundee heard Mrs. Berkeley's voice shrilling in the library. "Do you want Wickett to hear you? Now you listen to my last word—"

The library door closed, and Dundee was temporarily saved from the charge of eavesdropping. He hesitated, his plan to interfere with Dick Berkeley's amorous pursuits forgotten for the moment.

So George Berkeley suspected, too? Or did he more than suspect? Had he ferreted out, with the aid of private detectives, something that had not appeared at that strangely perfunctory inquest 18 months ago in London? But wait! Perhaps he had had no need of private detectives! Right here in the house was Doris Matthews, Mrs. Crosby's personal maid, whose testimony had figured so prominently in the inquest. Just what had she testified? Dundee knit his brows in an effort to remember clearly.

Then he shrugged. To-morrow he would have the resume of the case which Strawn had promised to mail that night. The Dick matter was the more pressing now. And he stepped softly into the dark drawing room. His goal was the buffet in the dining room. If Dick wasn't there, he probably wasn't in the house at all. Halfway across the room a light from the dining room made the going easier.

Wickett, the butler, stood at the big sideboard, counting silver spoons into a velvet-lined chest. He wheeled at some faint sound the detective had made, and peered frowningly.

"I was looking for Mr. Dick Berkeley," Wickett declared.

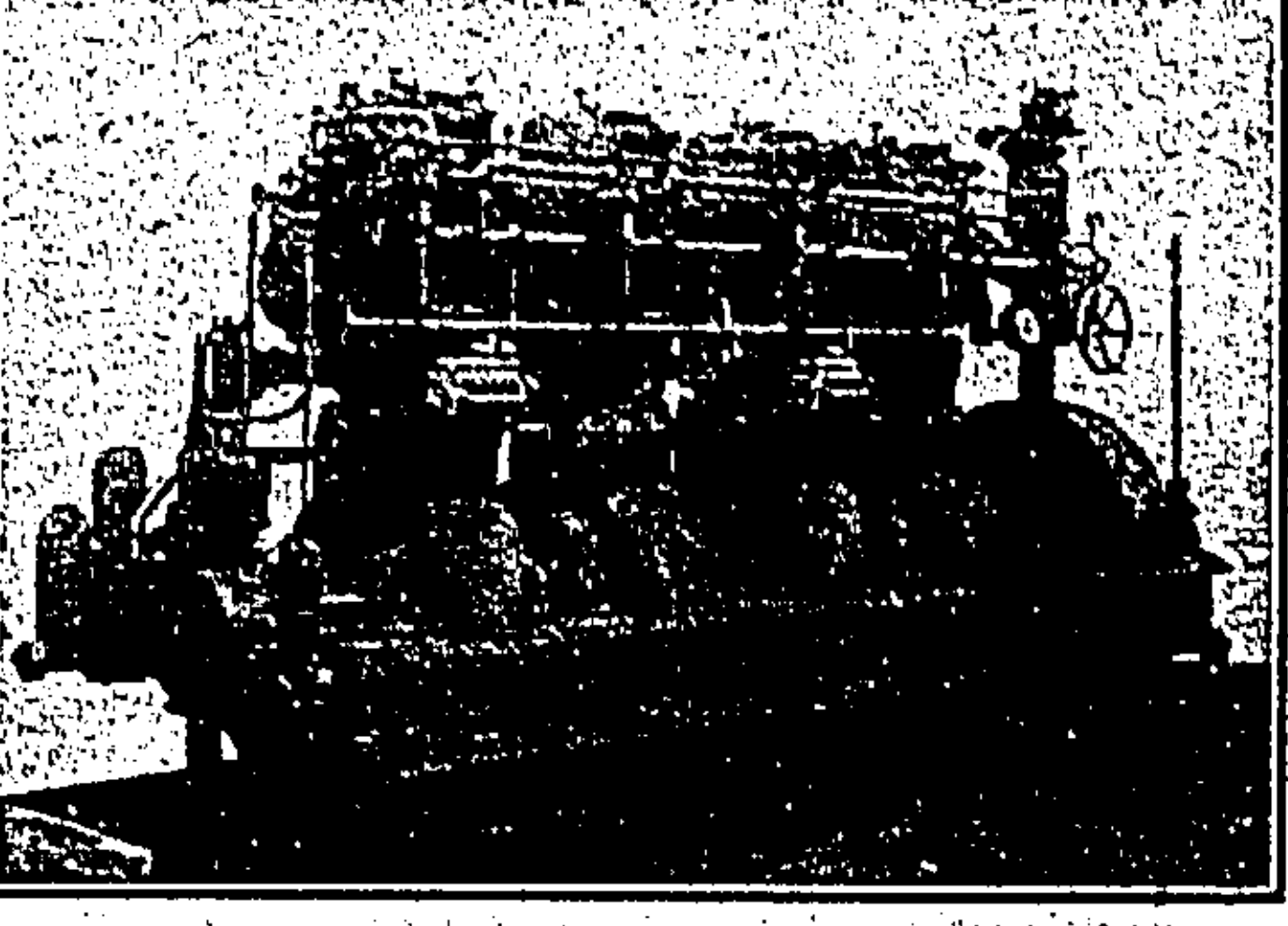
"He is not here, sir. The wine was returned to the cellar some time ago, sir."

"Right, Wickett!" Dundee grinned, then protested as the butler was advancing dutifully to turn on the drawing room lights. "Don't bother! I can see well enough. But if you do see Mr. Dick, I wish you would tell him I very much want to see him before I turn in."

The butler, with a "Very well, sir," returned to his work, and Dundee threaded his way through the over-furnished, dimly lit drawing room. He was just about to step out into the hall when a faint, muffled cough warned him that someone was descending the stairs. Not relishing the idea of again explaining his presence on the darkened lower floor, he shrank back against the heavy silk brocade hangings, then, because he was a detective, and because that active sixth sense of his warned him that the person stealing down the stairs was as anxious to be unobserved as he was himself, he quite shamelessly peeped.

It was Clorinda Berkeley. Even in the dim light her tall slender body was unmistakable. And she was going out, stealing out, for she was wearing, over the wine-red velvet evening dress, a cape of gold tinsel cloth, trimmed with dark fur. His eyes quite accustomed by now to the dim light, Dundee could even distinguish the modernistic pattern of the batik silk scarf she was nervously pulling through her fingers as she tiptoed down the last steps of the stairs. He waited, scarcely breathing, for he thought she must pass very

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close to him on her way to the front door. But she did not leave by that door. She rounded the stairs, listened for a moment to the subdued clash of voices from within the library, then tiptoed down the hall toward the backstairs regions.

Dundee heard the door open very softly, did not hear it close. Apparently Clorinda was guarding her return, that it might be as noiseless as possible. After a minute of hesitation, Dundee followed her to that door, and listened. Very faintly came the sound of a chain being rattled, then still more faintly the sound of a bolt being shot back. Clorinda had left the house by the back door, which Wickett had already made fast for the night.

So Dick Berkeley was not the only member of that family who stole out to keep secret appointments? Whom was Clorinda meeting? Seymour Crosby? After all, they were engaged to be married, and their first evening together after weeks of separation had not been a signal success. But—they had not looked upon each other as lovers ardently desiring to be alone.

Half an hour later—a quarter to 12—when Dundee had had a tepid bath to induce sleep, young Dick, at least, had not returned from his rendezvous. Dundee shrugged wearily as he got into bed. Apparently the lovely little Doris had been quite willing to meet her mistress's son clandestinely, in spite of her seeming reluctance. Still—she certainly hadn't looked like "that kind of girl."

And hadn't Mrs. Lambert told Crosby that Doris was very happy in her engagement to Arnold, the chauffeur?

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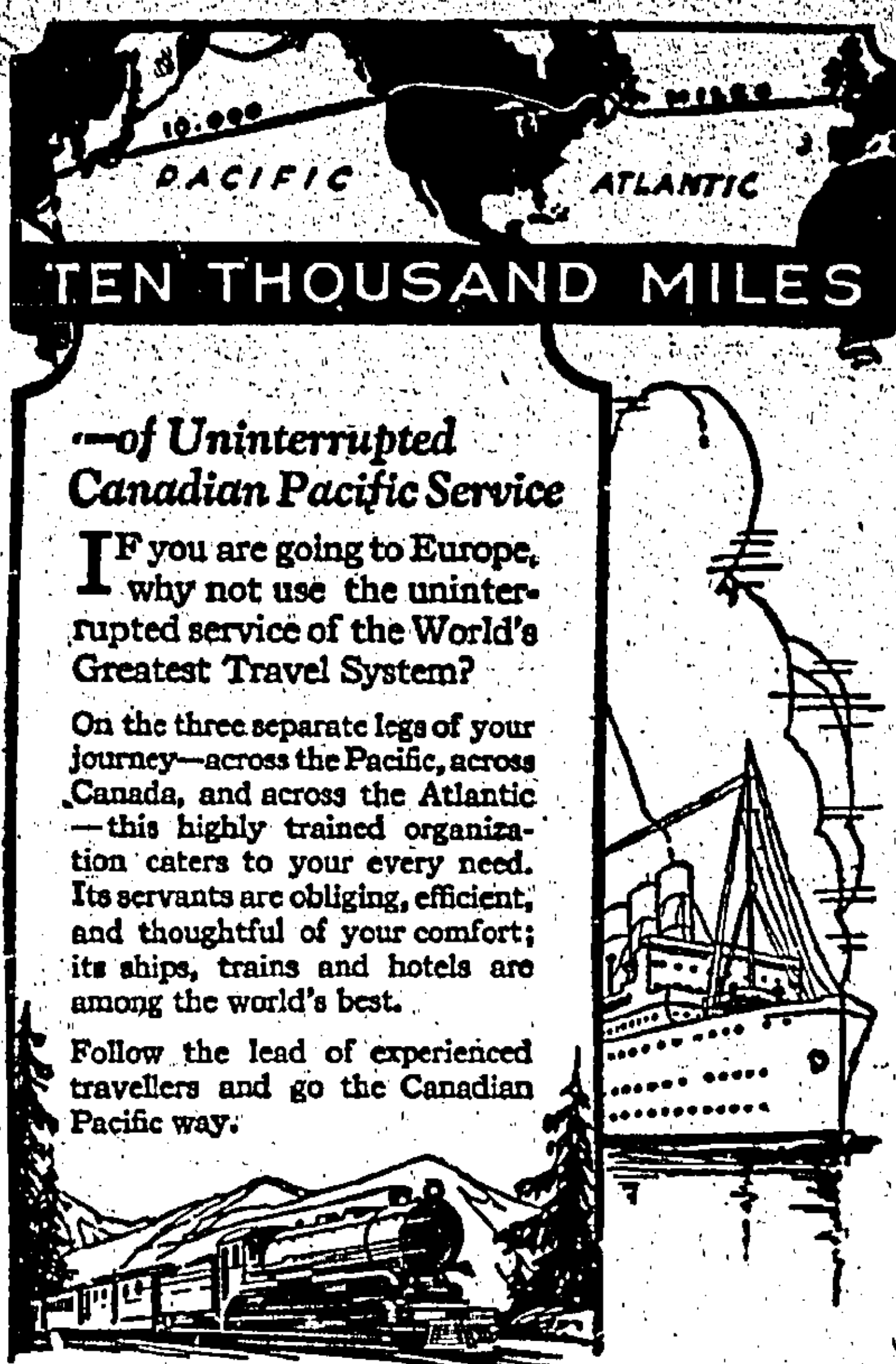
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INTERPORT LAWN BOWLS.

HONGKONG FAVOURS BEST OF THREE GAMES.

MEETING LAST NIGHT.

The question as to whether Interport games with Shanghai should be confined to one match or whether the winner should be decided by the best of three matches, was deliberated at the annual meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association, which was held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Ltd., yesterday evening, under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Wylie.

The Chairman, addressing the meeting, said: Gentlemen, I regret that owing to another engagement, your President, His Excellency the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, the Officer Administering the Government, is unable to be present with us to-night.

The past year, so far as lawn bowls in the Colony is concerned, has been an eventful one. As, however, Mr. Southern dealt very fully with the activities of the Association, when presenting the League Shields and Spey Royal Cup last autumn, I shall confine my review to the barest essentials.

During the year we had as our guests an Interport team from Shanghai and after a most exciting game we just managed to win. In connection with this match our thanks are due to the members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, on whose ground the game took place and for their strenuous efforts to entertain the large number of spectators who attended. This also reminds us that last year was the first occasion on which a charge was made to witness the Interport game. Examination of the accounts before you will show the wisdom of making this charge. Had we not done so we should have had to carry forward a debit balance to next year. In connection with the visit of the Shanghai bowlers our thanks are also due to the members of the sub-committee, under the able convener'ship of Mr. Grimmit, who made themselves responsible for the comfort of our guests.

The question as to whether the best of three matches instead of one should decide Interport lawn bowls honours will come up for discussion at this meeting and in due course the officers of the Association will be pleased to learn your views so that they may be conveyed to our Shanghai friends.

Last year there was a record entry of 83 contestants for the Open Championship of the Colony, which was won by that young and skilful player Mr. R. F. Luz. Our heartfelt congratulations are extended to Mr. Luz on his success.

Championship Winners.

The 1st Division Shield was won by the Craignower Cricket Club and 2nd Division honours went to Taikeo Dock Recreation Club. The Spey Cup, presented by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., was won by Taikeo Dock Recreation Club. Our thanks are due to Messrs. A. S. Watson for so kindly presenting miniature cups in connection with this competition. The Aikenhead Shield was again won by Kowloon and is at present in the keeping of Kowloon Dock Recreation Club by virtue of it being at the head of the 1st Division League table in Kowloon.

During play in the Open Championship and Spey Royal finals, opportunity was taken to make a collection in aid of St. Dunstan's Home. As a result, over £7 was remitted to London.

In conclusion, I wish to place on record our appreciation of the keen interest shown by our President in the welfare of the Association and the game of lawn bowls generally; our thanks to Mr. Massey, our Secretary,

and Mr. Brown, our Treasurer, for their untiring efforts on behalf of the Association; to Mr. A. Ritchie for auditing our accounts; and to those members who gave prizes last year. I have also to thank Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. for the loan of this board room for our meeting here to-night.

I now propose the adoption of the General Account of the Association for the year ended 28th February, 1930, and shall be pleased if someone present will kindly second the motion.

Entries for Leagues.

The report and statement of accounts were approved after several questions had been answered.

The following Clubs entered teams for the leagues:

Division I.—Taikeo, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Civil Service, K.C.C., Kowloon Dock, Craignower, Club de Recreio and the Police Recreation Club.

Division II.—Taikeo, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Civil Service, K.C.C., Hongkong Electric, Craignower, Club de Recreio and the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

It was decided that league matches should be commenced on May 3, and that the date of closure for open championship entries should be May 10.

Entries were taken for the Spey Cup and the draw resulted as follows:

First round.—Craignower v Yacht Club, Police Recreation Club v K.C.C.

Second round.—Civil Service v Hongkong Electric, and Taikeo v winners of Craignower and Yacht Club match. The K.C.C. or Police, v the Club de Recreio, and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club v Kowloon Dock Recreation Club.

Mr. B. Wylie was elected President and Mr. A. O. Brown Vice-President.

Mr. C. J. Tacchi was elected to the position of hon. secretary.

At this point the chairman said that last year Mr. Tacchi went Home. In company with other Hongkong bowlers he played bowls at Home and upheld the honour of Hongkong. By so doing a cup was presented for competition among Hongkong bowlers when at Home and the chairman said he thought the thanks of the Association were due to Mr. Tacchi and his conferees. They were grateful to Mr. Tacchi for making arrangements at Home whereby Hongkong bowlers could have a game when on leave with Home players.

Bowls At Home.

After returning thanks for his election, Mr. Tacchi said that when the Hongkong team played at Home they had a wonderful reception. The President of the Wanstead Club, where the games were played, Mr. Esplin, O.B.E., offered to present a cup for an annual match and hoped that Hongkong would be able to raise a team every year. Mr. Esplin assured them that Hongkong players would be very welcome and the greens would be at their disposal at any time. Mr. Esplin at that time also thanked the Hongkong team for the presentation of a cup which they brought with them and stated it had been allotted as a prize for an annual competition between bowlers and golfers of the Wanstead Club. Mr. Tacchi, after expressing his appreciation of the hospitality shown, said he would like to see some Hongkong bowlers present this year when the cup was played for.

Mr. Tacchi continued that while he was Home he attended the annual meeting of the English Bowling Association in London and brought up the question of alteration to the rule regarding unfinished matches. At that meeting the conclusion was reached that many of the rules were ambiguous and needed revising, and it was decided to ask all secretaries to go through the rules and send in the ideas for revision of their respective clubs before the end of next December. The speaker pointed out that Hongkong views were required as well.

Other officials elected were Mr. B. Maughan (hon. treasurer) and Mr. A. Ritchie (hon. auditor).

Registered Players.

In proposing an alteration to League Rule 3, which laid down that

every Club entering a team in one or both divisions must register eight players for each team, Mr. Brown, stated it had been agreed in committee by a majority it would be better to reduce the number of registered players to six. As it stood the rule caused hardship on certain members in almost all the Clubs. At the beginning of a year it was easy to pick out six players but it was more difficult to pick out a seventh and eighth.

In seconding, Mr. Tacchi said he thought it was a very sound idea.

Mr. Russell said it would be no hardship if the rule was deleted altogether. He moved an amendment that the rule be deleted and that there be no registration.

The amendment was seconded but on being put to the meeting was lost and the motion was carried.

By-Law Dissentient.

Mr. Hogbin, on behalf of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, proposed an alteration to by-law No. 1. The by-law is to the effect that in the event of league teams trying on points for the top or bottom position, a deciding match or matches will be played on the knockout system. The suggestion was that the team with the most shots to its credit take precedence.

After this had been seconded, an amendment was proposed that the by-law should not be altered, and the amendment was carried.

Mr. R. Lapsley raised the question of the Association obtaining a test ball and a measuring trough for the purpose of testing woods but Mr. Tacchi spoke against the proposal, saying that the expense would be almost prohibitive.

Mr. Lapsley said there would be no harm in enquiring into the matter but a motion to the effect that the Association provide itself with instruments for testing woods in the event of a dispute was lost by 10 votes for and 12 against.

The next matter to be considered was the suggestion of playing three interport matches instead of one.

Interport Games.

Mr. H. Nish said in his view three games should be played. He thought that the interport was dying out to a certain extent as there was so much entertaining. People from Shanghai last time, while appreciating the entertainment provided, were out night after night, the same as when Hongkong men went to Shanghai. The speaker said he thought that the best of three games was the ideal interport. He moved that the suggestion be sent on to Shanghai.

Mr. Hogbin seconded.

Mr. Lapsley asked if that meant there would be no more friendly games with Clubs.

The chairman replied he did not know. The proposition was only a suggestion to Shanghai.

Mr. Lapsley said he would suggest that three games only be played and the Clubs be left out.

Mr. Russell, in supporting the proposition, said he thought the best out of three was much fairer. Regarding Mr. Lapsley's suggestion as to doing away with friendly games, he said if the time of the visiting team was sufficient, friendly games could be fitted in and Clubs might be allotted for in order to complete the dates of the visiting team.

The chairman pointed out that the question had been discussed at great length at many meetings last year so that Shanghai might know Hongkong's views. If Shanghai did not wish to have three games then they could not be forced to play three games. They simply wanted to tell Shanghai what Hongkong thought about it.

When put to the meeting, the proposition was carried with one dissentient.

On the proposition of Mr. R. Bass, seconded by Mr. L. C. R. Souza, the meeting decided to provide medals or other suitable souvenirs to the winners of league shields.

The meeting concluded with an expression of thanks to the chairman.



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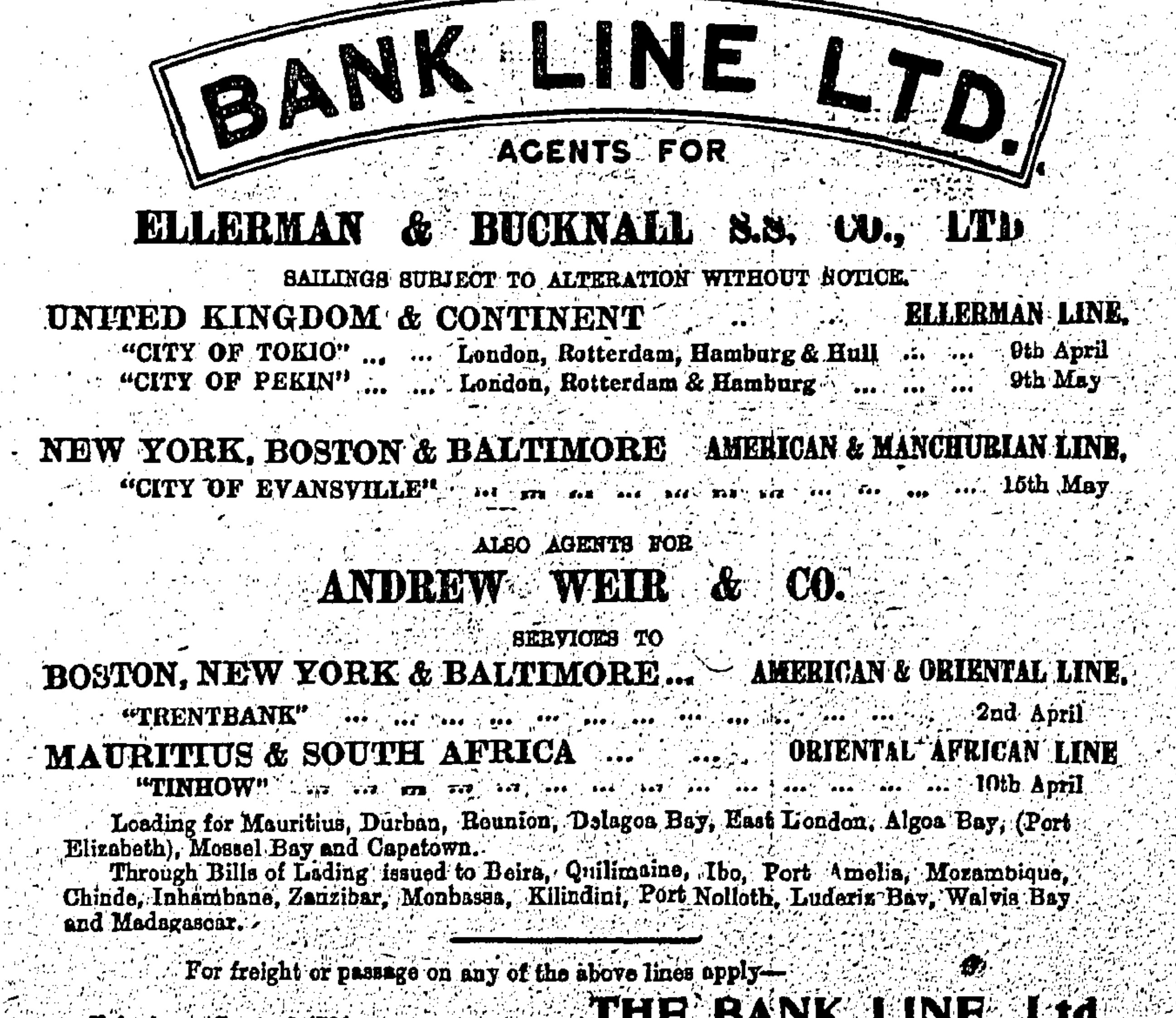
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BIG SUCCESS OF EVENT IN PENINSULA HOTEL.

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Thanks to the kindness of the Peninsula Hotel management, the first dining room, together with the Roof Garden and Rose Room, were placed at the disposal of the League for the afternoon, and every assistance was given by Mr. Copley and his staff to ensure the comfort of the guests.

The bridge and mah jong drives proved great attractions, and drew a large proportion of the guests to the tables. In the interval the players and others present enjoyed tea in the dining room and later many of the younger element repaired to the Rose Room where they joined in the dancing, to the strains of music rendered by the popular Hotel orchestra. The dancers were also afforded the opportunity of taking part in a competition spotlight dance, the winning couple being Miss Kelly and Mr. Alves.

The Auction.

The Roof Garden was the scene of the auction, where Mr. V. C. Labrum in a delightful manner tempted the company to purchase a variety of goods. He found the bidding somewhat slow, but nevertheless succeeded in disposing of all the articles at fairly good prices.

The first article put up was the football, signed by a number of prominent persons, and as Mr. Labrum put it "by all denominations". The bidding started off at \$10, rose to twenty, and then Mr. J. Smith sent it up a five dollar notch to \$25. This did not

suit Mr. Labrum, who informed the bidders that he wanted \$100 for the ball. "It is an historic ball," he said, and when after some slow bidding, the price had only risen to \$50, the auctioneer called the company to task. "Now then, ladies and gentlemen," he said, "please wake up. This is for a splendid cause." He could not be resisted, and two bids of an additional five dollars saw the value of the ball rise to \$60, and there it was knocked down to Mr. Cressy.

"And now," continued the gentleman with the hammer, "I have here, a nice lamb. I have been told that the Dairy Farm will keep it in cold storage for the one who buys it, for as long as it lasts. You can send down for a couple of mutton chops for your breakfast every day and still have a couple of legs and shoulders left. What I want to add, however, is this: I shall expect the purchaser of this lamb to send me a mutton chop for my breakfast every day. And now let me start the bidding at \$10."

The response was much quicker than for the previous "lot," and quickly progressed to \$25, when Mr. Labrum caused some amusement by saying that it was lamb, not mutton. The lamb was eventually knocked down to Mr. Southern for \$45.

Two guinea fowls, in a box, came next, and as Mr. Labrum rightly said, whatever else their attributes might be, there was no doubt that they were a very good ornament for the garden. The eventual purchaser was Mr. Chan Tin-pak, at \$15.

Then followed two pictures and various trays of cigarettes and chocolates. Mrs. Gillard claimed one of the paintings for \$6, and a very nice blackwood looking-glass went to Mr. Ho Ki for \$30. Mr. Zimmern captured a second picture for \$20, and the cigarettes and chocolates were purchased by Mrs. Cock, Mr. Labrum and Mr. Smith for varying amounts between \$5 and \$10.

The total result of the auction realised \$218, which was highly satisfactory.

Splendid Organisation.

As can be well imagined, to carry out such a successful event considerable care and attention in the organisation is required, together with the co-operation and practical interest of all those in any way connected with the

Women's Guild and M.C.L. Special mention is due to the indefatigable work accomplished in connexion with the function by Mrs. W. T. Southern, the President, Mrs. H. T. Cressy, who worked unceasingly, Mrs. E. I. Wynne Jones, the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Lloyd, for her great work as Hon. Secretary, and to all those branch secretaries who gave of their time and energy without restraint.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga gave invaluable assistance as M.C. of the bridge and mah jong, and there were numerous other helpers, whose names are given below. Mention must be made of the fancy goods arranged by Mrs. J. D. Lloyd, Mrs. Lack and Mrs. Shenton, which they succeeded in entirely clearing before the close of the day. They displayed some very fine work done by the women prisoners in the Victoria Gaol, which was eagerly bought by the ladies present.

The prize distribution followed the auction, and brought the successful function to a close. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Southern, who, in a short speech, expressed thanks to all workers and helpers that day. She paid a tribute to the energetic and cheerful work of Mrs. Cressy, and to the kindness of the Peninsula Hotel management and Mr. Copley. She also thanked Mr. Labrum, Mr. J. Smith, and Mr. Taggart for the manner they had worked to ensure success for the venture. The League were in a bad way, she said, but she warmly thanked all those who had helped them that day, and hoped their efforts would have a satisfactory result.

The following were the officers: Mrs. W. T. Southern (President), Mrs. H. T. Cressy (vice President), Mrs. E. I. Wynne-Jones (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. J. D. Lloyd (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton (Peak Branch), Mrs. B. D. Beith (Peak Children's Branch), Mrs. Taylor (Victoria Branch), Mrs. J. McCormack (Quarry Bay Branch), Mrs. Cole (Kowloon Branch), Miss H. F. Skinner (Bellissimo Public School), Miss Wise (St. Stephen's Girls' College), Miss E. Kotewall (St. Paul's Girls' College), Mrs. W. D. S. Brownrigg (Military Branch), Mrs. Byron (Naval Branch).

Other able assistants who contributed to make the function a success were Mrs. B. Wylie, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. Ho Leung, Mrs. Lack, Mr. Peter Pau, who was assisting Miss E. Hallifax in the cigarette and chocolate stand, eight members of the Boy Scouts belonging to the St. Andrew's Troop, Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Kotewall, Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Tang Shu-kin, and six girl undergraduates from the Hongkong University, Misses Rose Kwok, Ada Leung, Kathleen Lai, Rose Choy, Agnes Pau and Cissy Wong.

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9.00 p.m. Weather report: Local Sports News and Overture.

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11.00 a.m. Church Service relayed from St. John's Cathedral.

12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. Chinese programme.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st March at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 17th April, or they will not be recognized.

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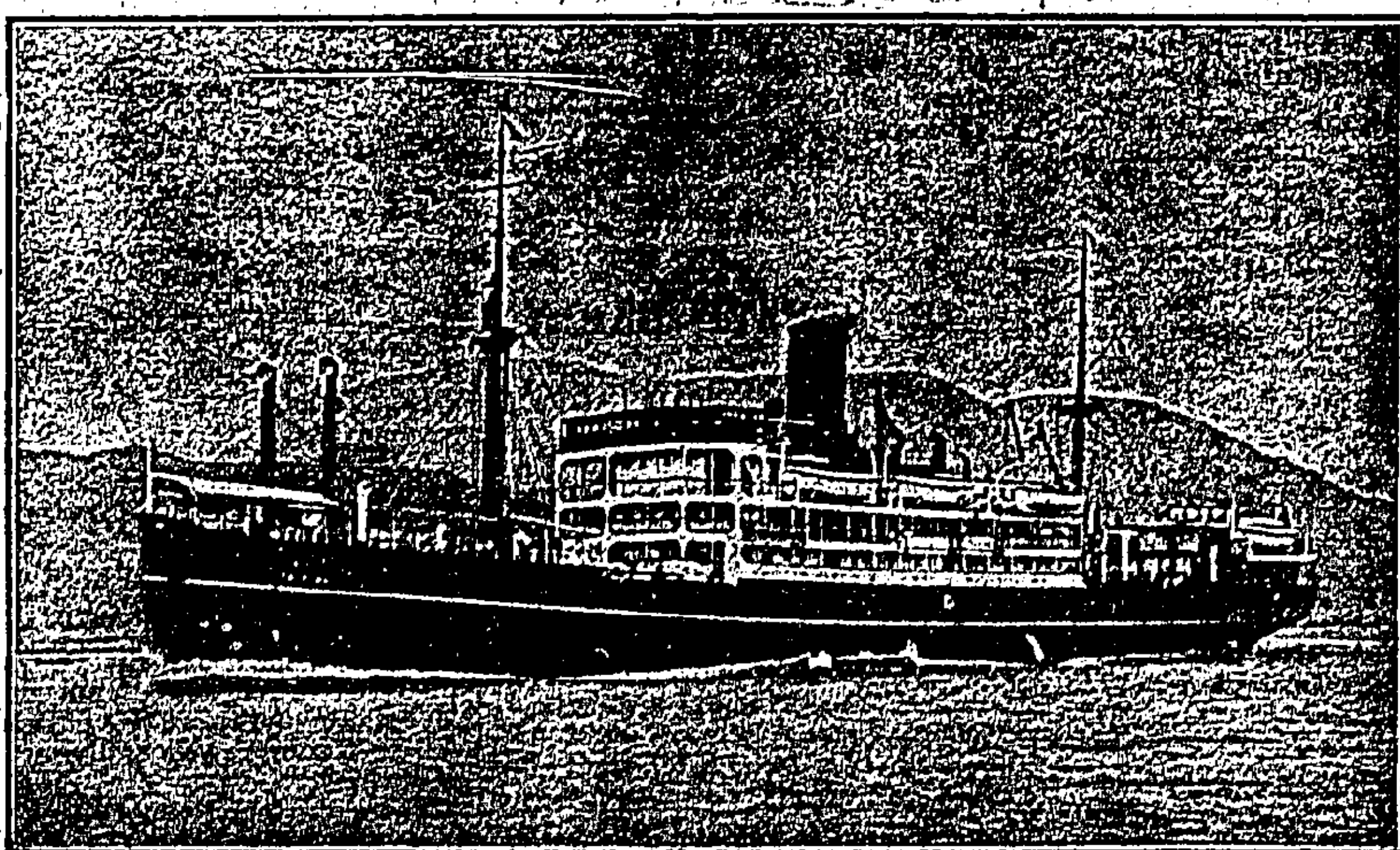
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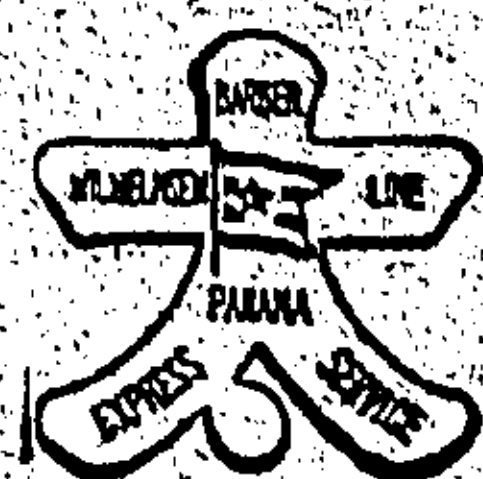


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CONSIDERING THE POLITICAL
ASPECTS.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION.

London, Mar. 28.

Except for a conversation be-
tween the Prime Minister and
Messrs. Stimson and Gibson, of the
American delegation, there have
been no meetings between the
Naval Conference delegates to-day,
nor have any been arranged before
Monday morning, when the dele-
gation chiefs will again meet.

Contact is likely to be main-
tained by the experts, on whom has
devolved the task of devising and
testing, informally, possible means
of achieving an agreement, with
particular reference to the political
aspects of the problem.

To-night all the delegations were
the guests of the Government at a
reception at the House of Lords,
after which the Prime Minister left
for Chequers, where he is remain-
ing until Sunday night.

There were 3,000 people at the
reception, these including Mr.
Ramsay MacDonald, his three
daughters and one of his sons, Mr.
A. V. Alexander (First Lord of the
Admiralty), Admiral Sir Charles
Madden (First Sea Lord and Chief
of the Naval Staff) and Admiral
Lord Jellicoe.

The Lord Chancellor, Miss San-
key, the Lord President of the Coun-
cil and Lady Parmoor received the
guests.—*Reuter and British Wire-*
less.

NANKING'S OFFER TO MANCHURIA.

THE FOREIGN FORCES TO REMAIN.

Nanking, Mar. 28.

In view of the importance of the
attitude of Manchuria, much in-
terest has been aroused by official
reports stating that Marshal
Chiang Kai-shek has offered
\$1,500,000 to General Chang
Hsueh-liang if he will agree to dis-
patch three divisions of Man-
churian forces to China Proper to
attack the Shansi-Kuomintang
allied forces in Chihli.

The offer has been made
through Messrs. Wu Te-chen and
Lam Wan-kai (Mayor of Canton),
who have arrived at Mukden, re-
presenting Marshal Chiang.

On account of the extreme ten-
sion in the North, the Peking
Legations have expressed their
intention not to withdraw the
foreign forces stationed at Peking,
Tientsin, Tongshan and Shangkai-
kwan.

War preparations by both the
Nationalist and anti-Nationalist
Commanders are continuing in
Honan, but apart from the hostili-
ties near Chengchow, no actual
fighting has yet broken out.

WATER SHORTAGE RECALLED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

during the past 10 years
aggregating \$159,500 have been
charged to building improvements
and written off.

Boycott Reaction.

The Working Account of our
Canton Branch showed a loss, in-
dicating that we have not yet
recovered altogether, from the
boycott, in Canton at least.
Again, the Canton Branch suffered
more than we did in Hongkong
from the cold and rainy summer,
though it was not troubled with
any water difficulties.

We are not in a position to
transfer any sum to Reserve Fund,
which now stands at half the
amount of the subscribed capital
of the Company. We trust, how-
ever, that the dividend of 70
cents per share recommended
will, under the circumstance, be
considered satisfactory and be
approved.

SOME RAIN.

The local weather forecast till
noon to-morrow is:—S.E. to E.
winds, moderate; generally over-
cast; some rain.

Tenders are being invited for
the supply of one single screw
teakwood launch for the Port
Health Officer.

It is notified for the information
of owners and occupiers of ten-
ements that, under the provisions
of the Rating Ordinance, No. 6
of 1901, Rates for the Second Quar-
ter of 1930, are payable in advance
on or before the 30th April, 1930.

SPIRIT VISITOR OF THE NIGHT.

SIR A. CONAN DOYLE'S
EXPERIENCE.

Sir A. Conan Doyle who is re-
covering from a long illness due to
heart trouble, relates the following
experience in a message to the
Press:—

In the early morning of February
3 I was lying awake when I be-
came aware of heavy steps ap-
proaching along the passage which
leads to my room. They were quite
as well marked as those of the
butler when he brings me my early
morning cup of tea. They paused
outside my door, and I then heard
clearly a short cough as of some-
one clearing their throat.

I turned on the light and noticed
that it was 3.30 a.m. I then rose
and went to the door. I flung it
open fully expecting to find some
person on the other side. The light
from my lamp shone down the pas-
sage and there was no one there.
Having made sure that this was
the case, I returned to bed in a
somewhat shaken state, as I was a
sick man and in no condition for
such nocturnal adventures.

In a quarter of an hour or so
my heart palpitation passed away
and I fell into a deep sleep.

Two days later my wife received
a letter from Mrs. Osborne Leonard
the well-known medium, saying that
she had never dreamt of me before
in her life, but that between 3.30
and four o'clock on Monday morn-
ing she had had an extraordinarily
vivid impression of having visit-
ed me and actually seeing me and
administering some healing treat-
ment to me. "It was all so real,"
she said, "that it cannot be classed
as a dream." In this letter Mrs.
Leonard offered to come to Crow-
borough and to give me a special
seance, which she did three days
later, nobly fulfilling her promise,
which involved a drive of thirty
miles partly through deep snow.

The seance was a very wonderful
experience, but it makes a story
by itself. When it was over I dis-
cussed with Mrs. Leonard the hap-
penings of Monday morning, and I
mentioned to her the short cough
which I had heard outside my
door. She said: "That is really
final. I seldom have anything the
matter with my throat, but that
night every time I woke I found
myself coughing in the very way
you describe. It was so unusual
that it impressed itself upon my
memory."

These are the facts, and they
seem to me beyond all range of
coincidence, and to present a very
clear case of bi-location. Mrs.
Leonard was sleeping at Kenley,
but undoubtedly, her double or
etheric body had visited me at
Crowborough.

MORE INSPECTORS OF FACTORIES.

SEX EQUALITY DECISION.

The staff of factory inspectors
in the employ of the Government
is to be increased during the year
by 15, which, together with seven
vacancies to be filled, makes an
addition of 22 inspectors.

This announcement has been
made by the Home Secretary after
consideration of the recommenda-
tions made by the Departmental
Committee appointed by the
former Home Secretary (Lord
Brentford) to inquire into the
strength and organisation of the
factory inspectorate.

The general inspection staff will
be raised during the next five
years from 180 to 243; the number
of the superintending inspectors'
divisions from 10 to 11, and the
number of inspection districts
from 83 to 96.

The additional division will be
in the South-East of England,
where there has been a great
development of industry in recent
years.

Men and women inspectors will
be recruited by the same examina-
tion, and there will be a single
seniority list.

The Committee recommend an
establishment consisting of 70
per cent. men and 30 per cent.
women.

MR. GERALD BARRY.

TO EDIT THE "WEEK-END
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Following the resignation of
Mr. Gerald Barry and the entire
editorial staff of the "Saturday
Review," a new weekly journal
"The Week-end Review," is now
being published and edited by Mr.
Barry. He will have the assist-
ance of the principal members of
the "Saturday Review" staff and
contributors who followed him
into retirement.

The resignations, it will be re-
membered, were the direct result
of the announcement that the
"Saturday Review" would in fu-
ture support the United Empire
Party. This announcement was
made by the directors without the
knowledge of the Editor or his
staff, who promptly resigned their
positions as a protest.

The "Week-end Review" is
published at 6d.

IRISH POLITICAL CRISIS.

DE VALERA TO STAND FOR
PRESIDENCY.

DEFEAT PREDICTED.

London, Mar. 28.

The Irish Free State Government
was defeated by 66 votes to 64 in
the Dail last night on a Bill, ex-
tending old age pensions, intro-
duced by the De Valera Party. The
Bill was opposed by the Govern-
ment on the ground that it would
involve an extra cost of from
£250,000 to £300,000 yearly.

The Bill was supported by the
Labour Party and some of the
Independents.

To-day, Mr. Cosgrave, the Pres-
ident of the Executive, announced
at a brief meeting of the Dail, that
the Government would resign. On
his motion the Dail adjourned until
next Wednesday, when it will pro-
ceed with the election of a new
President.

Mr. O'Kelly, who acts as the
leader of the De Valera Party in
the absence of De Valera, who is
on his way home from America,
said his party was prepared to
nominate De Valera as Presi-
dent.

The general belief in Dublin is
that De Valera will be defeated
and that Cosgrave will be re-elected.
Cosgrave was elected to the
Presidency in 1922 and re-elected
in 1927.—*British Wireless.*

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1400 b.
Chartered Bank, £183 n.
Mercantile & E. B., £30 n.
East Asia, \$100 b.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$300 b.
Union Ins., \$415 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$130 a.
China Fires, \$350 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$380 b. x. div.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$204 a.
H. K. Steamships, \$261 a
Indo-China, (Def.) \$60 a
Union Waterboats \$26 b.

Mining.
Benguets, \$6.75 b.
Kailans, \$3.9 n.
Langkats, Tls. 13.60 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n
Raubs, \$19 b.
Tronohs, 21/- n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$153 b
Whampoa Docks, \$33 n.
China Providents, \$5.35 b.
Hongkows, Tls 220 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 8. b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 130 b.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.60 sa
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 8 (old) n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$12.95 b.
H. K. Lands, \$72 b.
S'hai Lands Tls. 240 n.
Humphreys, \$14 n.
Realities, \$3.40 b.
Chinese Estates, \$98 a.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$20.20 b.
Peak Tram, \$11.75 n.
Star Ferries, \$711 b.
China Lights, (Old) \$221 b.
H. K. Electric, \$73 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones, \$131 b.
China Buses, Tls. 19. b.
Singapore Traction, 10/- a.

Industrials.
China Sugars, 81 cts. b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald. Macg. Ord., Tls. 10 n.
Canton Iron, \$2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.), \$151 b
Ropos, \$7.60 b.
United Asbestos, \$5 b.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$21 a
Watsons, \$11.40 n.
Der A. Wings, \$80 b
Lane Crawford, \$2.65 a.
Mackintoshes, \$18 b.
Sinceres, \$12 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$281 b.
Constructions, \$1.30 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% n.
H.K. G. Loan 7% Prem. a.

FANCY DRESS DIVERS.

HONOLULU'S TOURIST TEMPERS.

Honolulu harbour's diving boys
are going in for fancy, loud-colour-
ed bathing suits. The costumes
will be blue with yellow diving boy
emblems.

There are approximately 50 of
these native divers who practically
live in the water, diving for the
coins tossed to them by tourists on
the arriving liners. It is conserva-
tively estimated that \$20,000 in
small coins is used annually as bait
for the Hawaiian boys.

It is thought that the boys were
inspired to adopt the fancy diving
suits by the gay-coloured beach
costumes of the vacationists at
Waikiki.

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